

# AUGATHELLA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Motto: Strive to Succeed

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## **Quote of the Week**

"People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and a common purpose can make the impossible possible – Tom Vilsack"

#### **Anzac Day**

On Wednesday we hosted our **returned Veterans**. I would like to thank all of our families who attended the school Anzac Day Commemorative Service and shared in the occasion with us. It was a great morning and all the students did a terrific job to deliver a meaningful and thoughtful service.

I was very **proud of the efforts of all the students** who did a great job participating in the service – whether it was reading, performing the national anthem or singing, they did an amazing job!

Many **thanks to our P&C and school families** for providing the catering following the service – your hospitality was appreciated by all our special guests.

After morning tea, students were fortunate to have the Veterans in the classroom by all of the veterans where they had the opportunity to speak with them and ask questions. To be able to have this personal interaction with the returned service persons is a privilege and the students really appreciated hearing the explanations given in response to their questions.

This year the veterans again presented students with a commemorative **Anzac Bear** – we **thank them for this gift** and gesture and I know students will take good care of their bear. We also received some books and pencil cases from the Veterans, a book of short stories from Les and Neryl Johnson and some new bear figurines from Noel Huish which have provided a research topic for 2025.

We enjoyed presenting a framed photo of our students in front of the beautiful mural to each of the Veterans to thank them for their continued support of our school – the connection that we have with them only continues to grow and it means so much to us as a school community

Students then participated in the community Anzac Day march on Thursday and our school captains Grace C, Grace R and Meg did a wonderful job laying the wreath and reading the resolutions during the service. Grace, Meg, Abbey, Cooper, Jessica, Wilma and Hudson also did a wonderful job with some readings during the service.

I would like to **congratulate all of our students** for their behaviour throughout the Anzac commemorations. I received so many **positive comments** about the students' presentation, their singing, their personal conduct and the school displays at the hall – well done to our students and staff on a commendable effort.

#### Ride West

Last Wednesday our students saddled up on their bikes and headed out to meet Mrs Newell and the Ride West Team. We lined the road and waited patiently for their arrival. There were loud cheers, clapping and a lot of smiling faces as the riders passed by us. Students then took our guests on a tour of town. It was fantastic to watch students take such pride in their town, sharing important information about our selected landmarks. Our tour ended back at school where we ate our lunch with the Ride West team. Students were also lucky enough to each receive a water bottle from the team. It was such a wonderful experience for students. The Ride West Team were surprised to find some beautiful words written by our 4/5/6 students.

A huge thank you to our staff and parents who were pilot vehicles and ensured our safety on the road. Special mention to Jo who saddled up on her bike and rode around town with the students. We would also like to thank the P&C for providing a delicious lunch for our guests. Without the support of our families our students would have missed out on such a special experience.







#### Kindy - Prep - Year 1 Class - Natasha Wade

What a busy week and exciting week we had last week! I think we all enjoyed getting to talk with our Veterans and the Ride West crew. This week is a big week of curriculum learning for the Prep and Year 1 students. In English, we are beginning our learning about poetry and what a poem is. We have discussed that it is written in verses and that it has some things that are the same and different to a story book. In Maths, we are continuing our learning on numbers from 0-100 for Year 1 and 0-20 for Prep through lots of different counting activities. This week the students began their investigation into 2D shapes and 3D objects. The Kindy children this week are beginning a new book for our Pre-lit program called 'Parachute'. The children will enjoy playing with our parachute outside and making different craft activities where we will use the book for inspiration. Thankyou to all the parents who have come in for a parent teacher interview. It has been great to have such positive conversations about your child's learning. Have a great week everyone!

#### Year 2 - 3 Class - Bronia Cameron

Hello, and welcome to Week 3! I am so glad to be back on deck! This week in English, we are continuing to look at our different narratives featuring animals. This week we read *The Bear who* Loved to Dance by Monika Filipina Trzpil, and the students will spend some time identifying the orientation, complication, and resolution. They will then write their own practice narrative based on the main character, Bear. In Maths this week, we are finishing off our learning on number patterns before the Year 2 students complete their first assessment. We will then move onto addition and subtraction by using partitioning. In HASS this week, the students chose their Augathella community event that they will complete a project on. They wrote interview questions, and chose an older person to interview. Some students chose a family member and will be taking home their interview to complete, while others chose either Mrs Briggs, Mrs Zohl, or Mrs Newell, and will complete their interview at school. I have contacted everyone to book in a parent teacher interview, and look forward to seeing you all this week. Have a great week everyone!

#### **Book Club**

Issue 3 is now open. It will close on Tuesday 7th May.

#### **AJRL**

Football training will be this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 4:00pm. Everyone needs to be signed up to participate.

#### **Tuckshop**

On tuckshop this week will be Ange Smith and Brooke Holz. Kristyanna Creedon will be on homebake.

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Be Respectful Be a Learner Be Safe

**Behaviour of the Week:** I go straight there and back.

This week in our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons, the students are learning to go straight there and back. This positive behaviour has a Be a Learner focus and is relevant to the toilet areas. During class, students will discuss the importance of going straight to the toilet and back. They will discuss how this is relevant to learning as well as the safety aspects associated with this behaviour.

Tidy Class Award 4-5-6 Class

Attendance Star 4-5-6 Class

#### **Students of the Week**

# **Maternal Child Health Nurse**

The MCHN will be visiting Augathella Hospital on the May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in meeting or speaking with Leonie, please call the hospital on 4656 7102 to book a time. This service is available to families with children aged 0 -17.

May 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Public Holiday	7 First 5 Story Time	8	9	10	11 Augathella Rodeo	12 Mother's Day
13	14	15	16 Walk to School	17 Charleville Show	18	19
20 Topology Visit	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# Year 4 - 5 - 6 Class - Melissa Iland

The 4/5/6 class had a busy week learning how to identify, name and measure angles. They also began to analyse poetry. We, of course, were also kept busy with preparations for our Anzac Day service. The students presented some well-researched speeches about Legacy and its beginnings as well as different roles in our armed forces. It was fantastic to see students conducting research with a peer and I encourage you to ask them about their topic. Last week we also had an opportunity to put some of our HASS learning into practice. The year 5/6 students have been learning about the Australian Electoral process. An opportunity presented itself when we were trying to decide who should gift Mrs Newell with a donation from our class funds. Students nominated as candidates and ballot papers were created. The electoral roll was then checked and a scrutineer was appointed. The voting began! The scrutineer was pleased to announce there were no invalid votes were cast. After the votes were tallied there was a clear winner. Jack Cornes-Falk was elected to be our class representative. Jack had the honour of presenting Mrs Newell with our donation to her Ride West cause. It was fantastic to see students' learning in action. On Wednesday afternoon we were so excited to mount our bikes and be tour guides for the Ride West team. Students did an outstanding job throughout the tour and displayed great confidence when delivering facts about our special landmarks in town. We are immensely proud off all the 4/5/6 students and their efforts last week. We are looking forward to another excellent week of learning this week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns our classroom door is always open. Have a great week!