



# 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.



*Elizabeth Lindsay, Acting Principal.*

