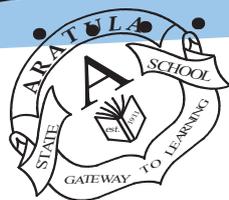


Small enough to care,
big enough to succeed!

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From the Principal's Desk

I am very excited as I sit here to write this fortnight's newsletter, following our Starbecue last Thursday night! What an absolutely brilliant event! We have had much positive feedback about the event although it is hard to be sure whether the kids or the adults loved it more. Thank you to our P&C volunteers for catering and to all families who attended.

Weather Watch on River 94.9 FM

Our students were scheduled to read the news aloud on River 94.9 at 8:30am each morning this week. Due to double booking by the radio station, our students will now read the weather next week. Please tune in at 8:30am from Monday 7th to Friday 11th August to hear our students represent our school proudly.

Scenic Rim Challenge

Speaking of representing our school proudly, Louise W, our school Vice Captain, played in a netball carnival yesterday, Sunday 30th July. The Fassifern Netball Association hosted the annual Scenic Rim Challenge for the first time in five years. Although not victorious on the day, Louise and her team mates should be congratulated for their sportsmanship and persistence. Well done!

The NED Show

Last Friday we were lucky to have The NED Show visit our school from the United States. The show has been seen by students in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom as it travels the world to inspire students to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. Yo-yos and magic tricks feature in the show and serve to inspire students to try something new and keep trying until they master it.

The show came to us at no cost because another school had chosen to "Pay-It-Forward" by selling NED yoyos and accessories after the show. All proceeds go to NED to assist them to keep spreading the message worldwide. We are having a NED sale every day this week from 8am – 9am. Yoyos are available from \$8 with accessories available from \$5. Please pop by the stall one morning this week and help us pay it forward.

Dates to Remember

ECAP—each
Wed—9am

HOGS visit—
Sun 6th Aug—
10am

P & C Meet—
Mon 21st
Aug—5:30pm

Triple P Pro-
gram—
Wed Aug 2
Wed Aug 16

Walloon Dis-
trict Sports—
2nd /3rd Aug

Chaplain's vis-
its —19 July,
2, 16, 30 Aug
and 13 Sept

Photo Day—
14th Sept

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Every day counts at school

Our school wide attendance goal is 94 per cent. Below are our attendance rates per class so far this year:

- Prep – 91.87%
- Yr 1 – 91.82%
- Yr 2 – 86.50%
- Yr 3 – 93.58%
- Yr 4 – 87.13%
- Yr 5 – 95.36%
- Yr 6 – 91.56%

The student council will determine the prize for students who achieve this goal for term 3 and it will be communicated to and students and families as soon as possible.

2017 School Opinion Survey now open

Parents/caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year's School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what our school does well and how our school can improve.

Access details for the parent/caregiver survey have been sent home with students, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online. School computers can be made available if required. Please see the principal if you require access to a computer.

The survey is open until Friday 25 August 2017.

Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you complete and sign an *Administration of medication record sheet* available from the school's office.

You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use. The school may request an accompanying doctor's letter for certain medications.

For more information visit the [Department of Education and Training website](#).

An Early Start for Prep to Year 2 literacy and numeracy

Early Start supports teachers to monitor and track students' literacy and numeracy progress across the early years of schooling. *Early Start* tasks identify Prep to Year 2 students' current skills and understandings in literacy and numeracy.

Students can be assessed on entry to Prep to get valuable literacy and numeracy data from the start of the year. Teachers can then determine what all students can do and what further learning should follow to support their progress.

Visit [Early Start website](#) for more information.

Mathamazing fun at the Queensland Museum

Giant puzzles, curious challenges, probable predictions and amazing maths are all waiting to be explored in this hands-on exhibition at the Queensland Museum until 3 September 2017.

Inspire your mathematical curiosity, untangle yourselves with manacles, test your reaction time, measure the distance without a tape measure, build an arch that won't collapse and make it through a maze. Ideal for ages 12-years and over, discover [Mathamazing](#) and all the Museum has to offer in its five levels including Sciencentre.

[Book](#) your visit to Mathamazing today. Tickets: Adults \$14.50, Concession \$12.50, Children (ages 3–15) \$11.50 Family (two adults and four children \$44.50)

How wonderful was Starbecue? Thank you to everyone who made it great. In particular a big thank you to the Faux family for their huge efforts and contribution on the night.

Don't forget: The HOGs are here this Sunday morning, 6th August 2017, from 10am. Everyone is welcome to come along to look at the Harley Davidson Motorcycles.

BAKERS and any willing volunteers please if you could be at the school by 9am on Sunday morning. THANK YOU THANK YOU in advance for your support of what is sure to be a great morning and a lucrative fundraiser for our school.

Our next P & C meeting is **Monday 21st August 2017** at 5:30pm in the administration building. We have a friendly and welcoming P&C committee so please come along as we would love to see you!

Have a great week everyone.
Cheers,
Aratula P & C

Kon nichi wa,
An update from the Japanese Classes.

Both the 3/4 and the 5/6 Classes are learning a lot about Japan and some of the words they use there. They are learning how to say, read and write the numbers to 10 and beyond. We are learning how to write hiragana and read it too.

In the Junior class we are learning about animal names.

Please ask your child to say something to you in Japanese. Over the next few weeks we will learn about family members and more greetings we can use.

1 ichi	2 ni	3 san	
4 yon or shi	5 go	6 roku	
7 nana or shichi	8 hachi	9 kyu	10 ju

Parenting after Divorce and Separation

Separation and divorce can be a stressful and challenging time for parents and children. It can put children at risk for emotional and behavioural problems, poor academic achievement, and ongoing relationship problems. Parents also may also experience increased depression, anxiety and stress.

It is important that families have access to evidence-based preventative interventions. Researchers at the University of South Australia and The University of Queensland are developing an online intervention to support parents during this transition. They are encouraging parents to have an input into what is important to go in the program and what their needs are.

Interested parents can learn more about the study and complete a brief online survey at <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pads>