I cannot believe it is week 8! We have had a very busy term so far and the next few weeks will be action packed.

**Report Cards**
There will be no parent teacher interviews held this term because report cards will be sent home in the last week of school. However, you can make an appointment at any time to speak with your child’s teacher. Formal parent/teacher/child conversations will be held in the last two weeks of Term 3.

**Girls Interschool Soccer**
For the next three weeks, students in Year 4 will combine with students from Mt Alford to participate in interschool soccer. The first two games will be held at Coronation Park in Boonah and Mt Alford State School will host the final game. Games commence at 1:30pm and conclude at 2:30pm.

**4RealMilk Robotic Dairy Excursion**
Thank you to families who have already paid for the excursion. This will be a fantastic culmination of our health and technology learning this semester. A reminder that Mrs Love is in the office on Thursdays and Fridays so please send along permission slips and money on these days to prevent the school having to be responsible for money on non-banking days.

**Spirit of Anzac Centenary Exhibition Excursion**
On the last day of term, students in Year 5 and Year 6 will be travelling to Brisbane with other students from the Fassifern Cluster to visit the Spirit of the Anzac Centenary Exhibition. This will prove to be a once in a lifetime experience for our students. The Exhibition has been travelling around Australia since 2015 to mark the 2015 centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. This is a free experience and we were fortunate to secure a travel bursary to ensure our students are able to attend. This event is open to families but bookings are essential. Further details can be found by visiting [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au).

**School uniform – wear it with pride!**
Congratulations and sincere thanks to all of our gorgeous families for ensuring that the students of Aratula look impeccable in their uniforms! We are a school of high expectations for student achievement and our high standard of dress reflects this. I feel very proud to be your Principal.

**Cash Payments**
Would you please note that all payments, including cash, for activities throughout the school year should be handed into the office on Thursday or Friday mornings. As the office is only open on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays payments made earlier in the week are unable to be processed and this poses unnecessary security risks.
Every day counts!

Last fortnight I published a chart showing the importance of attendance every day. The table below shows the impact of late arrivals or early departures. Every day counts – in fact, every minute counts!

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Thank you for phoning the school or sending a note when your child is absent. Your support of our attendance goal is much appreciated and helps to ensure that every child has every opportunity to succeed. **Our goal: 93.6 % attendance 100 % of absences explained.**

Currently we are achieving 93.5 per cent! We are very close to achieving our goal!

Have a fabulous fortnight!

Angela Armstrong
Principal