From the Principal’s desk

This is our final newsletter for term 2! With only eight school days left until the holidays, it is important to remember that every day counts so attendance remains a priority right up to 3pm on 24th June. Our goal: 93.6% attendance 100% of absences explained.

Currently we are achieving 92.4 per cent as a whole school.

Let’s finish the term on a high note. So far this term, we have not yet had a day with 100 per cent attendance. How many days can we get out of the next 8 with 100 per cent? The challenge is on!

Girls Interschool Soccer
Our year 4 girls have been playing soccer with students from Mt Alford for the past few weeks. This Friday, they will play their final game at Mt Alford State School at 1:30pm. Feedback from the players has been really positive. Thank you to the parents who have driven the girls each week and supported them in learning new skills and making new friends.

4RealMilk Robotic Dairy Excursion
We are all very excited to visit the dairy at Tamrookum this Thursday. The bus will leave at 9am and return by 3pm. We will stop for a sausage sizzle lunch and play at Wyaralong before heading home.

Please ensure children wear full school uniform, including their navy school hat, and closed footwear.

Spirit of Anzac Centenary Exhibition Excursion
Next Friday, Year 5 and Year 6 students 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 commemorate the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. This event is open to families but bookings are essential. Further details can be found by visiting www.spiritofanzac.gov.au

Puppet Show
A note was sent home yesterday to inform families about the Camp Quality Puppets visiting at 10:30am on Monday 11th July. This is the first day back after the holidays so it is important to get your permission slips back as soon as possible. There is no cost for this event.

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.

Dates to Remember
ECAP—Each Wednesday Morning
16th June—4Real Milk Excursion
24th June - Yr5/6 ANZAC excursion
24th June - last day of Term 2

Term 3 Dates
Mon 11th July—First Day of Term 3
Mon 11th July—10:30am Camp Quality Puppets
Fri 15th July—5:30 pm - Disco
Mon 18th July—5:30—P & C Meeting

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**Pyjama Day**
I am proud every day to be Principal of Aratula State School but I felt especially proud on Friday with the overwhelming support of our Camp Quality Fundraiser. As a school, we raised $75 for this very worthy charity. With only 38 students, this is a fantastic effort. The students had a very fun day in their snuggly jammies and enjoyed warm toasties for breakfast. Special thanks to Mrs Wolter for organising the day.

**Save the date!**
There will be a family fun night at the Aratula Community Sports Centre on the last Friday of every month commencing on the 29th July, 2016. This event is for members and their families only so if you’re not yet a member come along and sign up on the night. Membership is only $5. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Have a fabulous fortnight and a very safe and happy holiday. Our next newsletter will be released on Tuesday 19th July. For information and updates in the meantime, like our Facebook page or download the QSchools app.

Angela Armstrong
Principal

**Student Banking News**
The student banking competition closed last Friday. There are two prizes to be won:
1st prize is a $20 itunes card
2nd prize is an Outer Space Savers Money Box
All our student bankers are eligible for the prizes. Mrs Armstrong will draw out the winning names next Monday on Assembly.
If you would like your students to participate in the school banking program please call into the office for further information and application forms.

**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.
P&C Patch

School Disco
We are hosting a school disco on the first Friday back to school after the holidays – 15th July 2016. It will commence at 5:30pm. Entry is $2.00. A note will be sent home with students before the holidays so keep an eye out for this.

Monday Meal Deals
Each Monday, a small group of volunteers work to prepare lunches for the children. This is very popular and we strive to plan meals that appeal to a wide range of tastes. In the interest of serving fresh, hot meals to students, it is important that the menu is served as advertised. We cannot cater for individual needs such as a dislike of particular ingredients. If your child has an allergy, please notify the school.

Fundraising
We have been approved to conduct a Thursday night raffle at the Aratula Hotel during football season. We have sourced a meat tray from Aratula Butchery and will be selling tickets from 4pm each Thursday afternoon. If you can spare some time to pop down and lend a hand selling tickets we would be very grateful.

Next meeting
We will meet again at 5:30pm on Monday 18th July, 2016. This is the second week back after the holidays.