Welcome back! We have had a very positive start to 2017, welcoming 11 new students to our school bringing our total enrolment to 49. Our new students, and many of our returning students, are looking very smart in the new uniform. The old uniform will be phased out over the next two years to allow children to grow out of them. All uniform items should be ordered and collected from Maynard’s in Boonah.

2017-2020 Strategic Plan
Late last year, I held consultation meetings with parents, community members and staff. This collaborative approach to planning ahead is vital to ensure our school exceeds the expectations of our community. When we work together as partners in learning, all children benefit.

Our core priorities for the next four years can be summarised under three broad themes:
Successful Students; Exceptional Educators; World-class Learning Environment. Sustained improvement in student learning outcomes, investing in our great team, and continuously updating the technology and facilities of our school are our core priorities. Further information about specific goals, targets and strategies will be shared at the parent information evening.

Parent information evening
On Thursday 9th February, parent information sessions will be held in the junior and senior classrooms. The sessions will be staggered to cater for families with children in both classes.

Times are as follows:
Junior: 3:05pm-3:20pm
Senior: 3:25 – 3:40pm

Mrs Armstrong will run a session at 6pm for working families in the senior classroom. If you are unable to join us for one of these sessions, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher.

School Captains 2017
Nomination forms for Year 5 and 6 student leadership positions will be sent home this Thursday.

Every day counts at school
The Department of Education and Training has a range of free resources to promote the importance of going to school, every day.

Research shows that school attendance leads to positive student outcomes, and can help children to build social and emotional skills.

The Every day counts campaign, developed with the input of Solid Pathways students, features popular footy players, including Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday and Greg Inglis. Resources include an animation, comic book, dedicated website and online posters of the footy players.

Check out the resources and see if you can spot some of your favourite NRL footy players — visit the Every day counts website (everydaycounts.eq.edu.au).
Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an Administration of medication record sheet from your 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.


Sports News

School Representative Sport:
Fassifern District School Sport Association and Metropolitan West School Sport now have Facebook pages. Go to these pages to get information for upcoming trials. Many of the 2017 trials will be a little earlier than normal, due to Pacific School Games being held in Adelaide this year. So keep up-to-date with social media.

Metropolitan West School Sport also has a website. A lot of information can be retrieved from this site from event calendars to results.

For whole-school sports such as Cross Country and Track and Field, primary school students who turn 13 this year must firstly trial at a high school competition. (Contact your local high school for the date). If a qualifying standard is met they are invited to the high school district trials.

Students in high school (typically Year 7) that turn 12 this year, will compete at their high school competition and then be invited to the Fassifern District School Sport (Primary School) trials if they are of a qualifying standard.

The sport of Cross Country has a few date claimers:
Fassifern District Sports Association Cross Country Trials (10-12 years) – Friday 12th of May.
Metropolitan West School Sport Cross Country Trials (10-19 years) – Thursday 1st of June.

No hat - no play
It is a requirement that all students wear their school hat during playtimes. In the interest of health and hygiene, we are not able to provide spare hats for students who have forgotten theirs. Although the school playground has a shade, this does not provide adequate UV protection. Students who do not have a hat will be required to sit in the undercover eating area and will not be permitted to play. The P&C have hats for sale in the uniform shop.

Feedback
If you ever have any feedback you would like to provide, or any ideas or suggestions for our school, I would love to hear from you! Please come to see me, call to make an appointment or email me anytime at aarms55@eq.edu.au.

Have a fabulous fortnight!

Angela Armstrong
Principal
Tuckshop News

Hi All Parents/Guardians,
Welcome to another year at our Awesome Aratula State School & Welcome to all the new families.

We will continue having tuckshop every Monday & orders must be paid & in by 9AM THIS FRIDAY - The RED TUCKSHOP BOX is located outside the senior classroom. We will not accept late orders as we shop for our ingredients on that day. Also orders will not be altered as it is time consuming for our volunteers also please ensure the school & tuck shop is informed if your child has any ALLERGIES.

We have 2 small groups of volunteers so if you would like to become a volunteer with tuckshop please contact Rachel Moffatt (Mac's Mum) on 0438638370. We welcome as many helping hands as possible.

Any questions you have about tuckshop please ask one of our volunteers or you can contact Rachel Moffatt

Thank You

The first order form went home with your children today.

CHAPPY NEWS - It is great to be working as the School Chaplain at Aratula again this year.

The Chaplaincy service provides social, emotional and spiritual support to the school community. The school chaplain is a safe person for students to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains are positive role models who run activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities.

I will be at Aratula School on the following dates this term:
Wednesday - 1st & 15th February
Wednesday - 1st; 15th & 29th March.
Please come and have a chat when you see me.

The "Chappy Challenge" is being held again on Saturday 4th of March, 2017.

Chappy Challenge is an event held to raise much needed funds through registrations, sponsorships and donations. The funds raised are used to offset the short fall in funds provided by the Federal Government to employ Chaplains in our local Fassifern primary schools and secondary school.

The challenge for participants is to select and then complete one of the cycling, running or walking courses offered. The event is open to families and individuals of all ages.

For more information, to register or donate, go online to chappychallenge.com.au or follow Chappy Challenge on facebook.

Why not join in the fun and walk, run or cycle, or just come down and support our Chaplains and the participants? Thank you!

Kind Regards,
Karen Turner.
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Tuesday 31st January 3-30pm – 5-00pm.
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