Welcome to term 2!
I am delighted to have been permanently appointed as Principal to Aratula State School. My sincere thanks to all staff, students and families for making my first 7 days so wonderful! I have particularly enjoyed teaching the students in the senior class and look forward to supporting them as they develop their skills and competencies throughout the year. I am eager to learn about the history of Aratula, the things people care about and the things that people value. If you see me out and about, please say hello!

ANZAC Day
This Friday we will hold our annual ANZAC commemoration service. We extend an invitation to all families and community members to join us at 10am. On Monday, 25th of April, our school community is encouraged to join the ANZAC march at Kalbar. Students should wear their full school uniform. We will gather at Charles Street at 8am and the march will commence at 8:15am.

Camp
I am excited to be accompanying the year 4, 5 and 6 students on camp to Burleigh Heads for the Small Schools Combined Camp from 27-29 April. Information for families attending camp has been included with this newsletter. We are travelling with students from Mutdapilly, Warrill View and Maroon State Schools. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other staff and students from our beautiful Fassifern cluster. While I am at camp, the remaining students in the senior class will work on tasks to consolidate the learning in their regular program under the supervision of Mrs Wolter, Mrs Bills, Mrs Kostecki.

Every day counts!
Attendance at school every day is essential to ensure that every child has every opportunity to learn and succeed.

In the event that absences occur, please phone the school or send a note so that we can update our system and ensure that all absences are explained. It is our goal to have 93.6 per cent attendance for the term with 100 per cent of absences explained.

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.

Insurance for students
This information was recently published in our regional newsletter with the request that it be shared with families:
The Department does not have accident insurance for students.
Medical costs associated with an injury to a student are borne by the parents or guardians.
It is a parent’s decision whether they take out insurance and what level of cover is appropriate.
Parents can contact insurance companies directly to enquire about student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

Have a fabulous fortnight!
Angela Armstrong
Principal