From the Principal’s Desk

What a spectacular term we have had! As I reflect on all that has happened and all that we have achieved, I cannot help but feel tremendously proud! We kicked off the term with the Camp Quality Puppets show to help dispel myths about cancer and build empathy and understanding. In Aratula, we live our values of care and respect in the way that we relate to each other and welcome newcomers to our school family.

Our NAPLAN results were released early in the term which affirmed the high quality of teaching and learning that happens here every day. We achieved our very first win at the combined small schools athletics carnival. The attendance and participation on this day really helped to ensure that we came out on top. I say it over and over but it is true that “every day counts” both academically and socially.

The Opera Q performance of the musical FIZZ! was well received by students and adults. It was thoroughly entertaining and reinforced the message that when we focus on being the very best that we can be, rather than comparing ourselves to others, amazing things happen. This is evidenced daily as students pursue their personal learning goals and strive for continuous improvement.

During this final week of term, the junior class will enjoy Under 8’s Day in Boonah on Wednesday morning. Some students in the senior class will join with Mt Alford students on Friday to participate in the Gala Day Soccer and Netball Carnival.

I wish all of our families a wonderful Spring break. Stay safe and enjoy relaxing with those dearest to you. I look forward to seeing everyone when school resumes on Tuesday October 4th for what is sure to be a busy and brilliant term four.

Playgroup
Did you know that Aratula State School offers an early childhood activities program for babies and children younger than school age each Wednesday morning? Please come along at 9am each Wednesday morning. This program is offered at no cost to families.

School Photos
We will have our photos taken on Thursday 13th October. A flyer with information is contained in this newsletter. Payment envelopes and further information will be handed out on the first day of term four.

Every day counts!
Attendance at school every day is essential to ensure that every child has every opportunity to learn and succeed. Our goal for term three is 93.6 per cent attendance with 100 per cent of absences explained. At the time of writing, we have improved from last fortnight where we were achieving 89.4% to 91.1% attendance. Thank you for your commitment to helping us help your child to excel. We have 100 per cent attendance today!
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…month! Our next newsletter will be out on Tuesday 11th October.

Angela Armstrong
Principal

P&C Patch

Next meeting: 10th October, 2016, 5:30pm.