Term 4 is already zooming by with so much happening in our school and community. We had a fantastic response to the School Opinion Survey in Term 3 with 100 per cent satisfaction in most areas. I am proud that all families surveyed agree that their child is getting a good education at Aratula State School and that they would recommend our school to others.

An area of concern was the availability of information online. I am working to update our school website and bring as much information to families as possible. Thank you to those families who responded to the survey. Your feedback is vital in helping to shape our school to be the best school in the Fassifern Valley. I am confident that we will continue to grow from strength to strength and address each area to ensure complete satisfaction.

**Aratula State School Song**
Josh Arnold will be here next Thursday 3rd November to write the lyrics of our song with students. **All students will be involved in this process.** Attached to this newsletter is the media consent form that needs to be completed prior to filming on the 23rd and 24th of November.

This is a third party consent which means you are giving consent to Small Town Culture not to the school. Please see me if you have questions about this.

**Book Fair**
Thank you for your support of our Book Fair! We raised $300 for our library and received some lovely new books as well.

**Q Schools App**
Have you downloaded the QSchools app? You can stay up to date with key information and school dates via the live feed that links to our school website. You will also notice that the website now hosts our Facebook feed.

**Prep Orientation**
Our first orientation session last week was a huge success. I thoroughly enjoyed the time getting to know parents and Mrs Wolter had a lovely morning with her 2017 preps. There are two more sessions to be held this year held from 9:00am – 11:00am on Thursdays:
- 27th October
- 3rd November

**Please note that a parent or guardian must stay on the school premises.**
We will provide activities, information sessions and light refreshments for parents to make this time informative and enjoyable. Younger children are welcome to attend.

**Swimming**
Swimming commences in week 6 and will be held every Monday until the end of term (5 lessons). A note will be sent home by the end of this week.
Day for Daniel
This Friday, 28th October, we encourage students, staff and families to wear red as we revise the Recognise, React, Report message. This is part of our health curriculum. I read an article recently that suggested the message “don’t talk to strangers” be replaced with “don’t go anywhere with anyone without permission”. This ensures that our children feel confident to seek help from a stranger if needed.

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

P&C Patch

Uniform Change

The Aratula State School uniform will change from 2017. This change process has taken place over several years and follows community consultation. The current uniform may continue to be worn by existing families as transition will take several years. All new students will be required to purchase the new uniform. Further details will be provided by the end of week five. There are limited sizes of the current shirts, shorts and dresses available at a discounted rate:

Shirts and shorts - $20
Dresses - $28.

Grandparents Day
Sunday 30th October is Grandparents’ Day. It is a very special event on the Aratula State School Calendar. While many families will celebrate on the official day, we will acknowledge and celebrate our Grandparents in March. Keep an eye on the school website and the QSchools app for details.

Next meeting: 14th November, 2016, 5:30pm. This will be our last meeting for the year.