From the Principal’s Desk

Winners are grinners!

I am so proud of every one of our students for their participation and sportsmanship on Friday. Winning the perpetual trophy for the first time in 22 years was an outstanding achievement and very exciting! Thank you to all the families who were able to assist with transporting students to the venue and for your support on the day. The following students were successful in qualifying for the district carnival to be held in Walloon on Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 August.

Haimish
Mia
Maddison
Brandon
Robert
Kokoda
Chayse
Heidi

I know these students will represent Aratula State School with pride. We wish them all the best in their events.

NAPLAN

During week 5 of term 2, students in years three and five sat the NAPLAN tests. These tests measure students’ knowledge and understanding in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Writing and Numeracy. Student reports were sent home yesterday. I have had a conversation with each student to explain what his/her results mean, provide positive feedback on areas of strength and set goals for future learning. If you have any questions about the results or wish to discuss your child’s learning goals, please pop in to see me before or after school.
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. Last term, we achieved 92.1 per cent attendance with 98 per cent unexplained. I’ll keep you updated on our progress towards our goal as the term progresses.

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.

Trading Cards
Parents please note your children should not bring trading cards to school.

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

Student Banking
If you would like your children to participate in the school banking program please call into the office for further information and application forms.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP
MONDAY 19 - THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016
Join in the fun with abseiling, flying fox, obstacle courses, canoeing, high ropes, camping outdoors and much more!

*Package includes all food and accommodation, activities and equipment hire and qualified instructors that are wilderness first aid trained with current blue cards.

P: 07 5463 2203  E: admin@campkokoda.com.au  W: www.campkokoda.com.au
Invitation:

all Grandparents

A Grandparents’ support group is being established which will provide a forum for discussion of grandparenting matters, sharing of experiences and dissemination of relevant information in an informal (supportive) setting.

WHERE: Carinity Fassifern Community Centre –
        4 Little High Street, Boonah

Morning tea will be provided and, as this is not a fund raising (funded) body, a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

RSVP would also be appreciated to assist with catering and any child minding that may be required.

Please RSVP by 8th August to Kathy on 54632966.