Welcome back!
It is wonderful to see our students happy and enthusiastic after a well-earned break. Term four is set to be absolutely fabulous and very busy! This term is the final term of primary school for our year six students. We will continue with our unrelenting focus on quality teaching and learning to ensure that they, and all students, leave Aratula State School with the knowledge, skills and character necessary for future success.

School photos
This Thursday 13th October we will have our school photos taken. Family groups will be taken first thing in the morning. Please ensure your child wears his/her full school summer uniform for the photos. Jumpers and jackets are not appropriate now that the days are warming up.

Meal Deal
Sincere thanks to our wonderful P&C for providing this service. It is vital that all money and orders are received at the school no later than Friday morning each week. The P&C volunteers give up their time on the weekend to purchase enough ingredients to fill the orders. Please remind your child to hand in his/her tuckshop by Friday morning to avoid disappointment. The order form and money envelope are sent home each Monday afternoon. No late orders can be accepted or catered for. **As a special treat, due to the Pupil Free Day, meal deal will be on Tuesday next week, 18th October.**

Aratula State School Song
I am very excited to share that we will welcome singer/songwriter Josh Arnold and his production team to the school this term to create a school song. Josh is a prolific song writer, music producer and film maker creating projects for Schools, Communities and various organisations throughout regional Australia under the banner of his production company 'Small Town Culture'. Josh believes in the collaborative process and possesses the unique ability of creating music with the people for the people. This is most evident in his School Workshops where lyrics are written with students who then become an integral part of the process and feel immense pride and take ownership of the end product.

To date there have been more than 70 School Songs, 9 Town Anthems and almost 100 Music Video’s produced, all featured on the 'Small Town Culture' YouTube Channel.


Further information and media permission will be sent home next week.

Book Fair
This will be set up here at school from Thursday this week with parents invited to attend on the morning of October 19 to purchase books. Students will be taken through to look at the books with class teachers and complete a wish list which they will share with their parents prior to the Book Fair sale day.
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.

Udderly Awesome Dress Up Day
On Friday 21st October, students are invited to dress in dairy cow colours of brown, black or white and make a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to the Need for Feed Disaster Relief Dairy Farmer Support Program.

Prep Orientation
There will be three sessions this year held from 9:00am – 11:00am on Thursdays:

20th October
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.

Toy Catalogue Orders
It’s not too late to order toys from the toy catalogues that were handed out last term. These catalogues are full of great ideas for gifts and most are educational and high quality. If you have an order - you can give it to Liz Wolter and she’ll lodge it for you or you can go online and order from there. If you would like another catalogue please see Liz or Judy and we’ll give you one. The school earns credits to spend with every dollar you spend.

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
**CHAPPY NEWS:**

Hi everyone,

I feel very privileged to be appointed as the Chaplain at Aratula State School. I was connected with this School 3 years ago as the Chaplain and am very excited to be returning. It was so much fun last Wednesday catching up with so many familiar faces and lots of new ones as well.

I was a Foster carer for 15 years; have completed a Diploma of Youth Work; and have been a school chaplain for 6 years.

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 plan to be at school on Wednesday each week for the remainder of the year.

Please come, introduce yourself and have a chat when you see me.

Kind Regards,
Karen Turner.

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**Thought – Courage is being afraid but going on anyhow. (Dan Rather)**

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**P&C Patch**

**Meal Deal**

We will provide meal deal on Tuesday next week only to make up for the pupil free day. We are having loaded potatoes which will include a variety of toppings for students to choose from. See order form for more details.

**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 current school uniforms still available in limited sizes of 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.