“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

School Leaders Induction
On Monday we inducted our 5 school captains for 2017. George (School Captain), Will (Vice-School Captain), Chloe and Ned (Sports Captains), Blake and George (House Captains) all made a pledge to the school stating their intentions to fulfill their leadership roles to the best of their abilities. We were fortunate to have Mayor of the Murweh Shire, Mrs Annie Liston present to address our students and share some leadership tips. She discussed how ‘doing your best’ was all anyone could ever expect, which was a very appropriate message for our leaders. It was terrific to see so many parents attend this special parade to show support for our school leaders. We look forward to sharing their journey as they embark on their leadership roles for 2017 as they strive to do their best.

Kindy
Our School Kindergarten Program began yesterday, with an initial orientation morning for children and their families. We were excited to welcome the children and see them meet together as a group for the first time. From Thursday, our kindy children will be attending school regularly for their 5 day fortnights. We look forward to the benefits the program offers, as our kindy children come together to interact in a social group, while undertaking a variety of educational learning experiences to primarily develop social and emotional resilience. I would again like to welcome all the new kindy families to our school – we look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Instrumental Music
We are very fortunate to have Mr Vincent Kwan continue on staff this year. Mr Kwan will again be offering instrumental music tuition (strings) to our Year 3 – 6 students every Friday. Mr Kwan is extremely well qualified and we are indeed very fortunate to have his expertise on offer for our students. Permission notes for new students beginning music will be sent home today and parents are asked to please organise the one off payment of $90 to be made to the office as soon as is convenient so your child can commence lessons. It really is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for our students – I know both continuing and beginning students are looking forward to Mr Kwan’s visits.

Anaphylaxis
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive. Allergens (or trigger substances) that may cause anaphylaxis in school-aged children include: nuts, insect stings, shellfish, fish, eggs, cows milk and certain medications. Unfortunately it is not possible, or practical, to remove all food and insect allergens from schools. While staff are vigilant in making sure students don’t share lunches, we are also asking families to please talk to their children about the importance of this rule as it could have very dangerous side effects.

Attendance
As Term 1 begins, it is timely to be reminded how important it is to ensure that our children are attending school each and every day. The table below summarises how just one missed day here and there can have a huge impact on the learning time for your child.

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To assist in maintaining good attendance levels, our school class challenge is back! The class with the highest overall attendance for each fortnight will be rewarded and the winning class will then negotiate their reward which may include some extra play time or free choice of class activity. We look forward to announcing the winning class for our first fortnight of school on parade next week.

Parenting Information
This week we share some advice from Kids Matter about the importance of encouraging our children to be active problem solvers. Not something that will happen overnight, but a crucial skill we can help them develop over time.

Natalie Newell, Principal
Kindy - Aimee Ballard
Kindy orientation was a great day meeting all our new kindy students and their families. Miss Tamara and I loved having you all in the kindy classroom and look forward to the exciting year ahead together. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday morning for our first full day of kindy. Please remember to bring a sheet for rest time.

Prep - 2 Class - Louise Burns
Wow, it has been a busy start to the school year! This week we saw the return of reading groups. In the P-2 class we have our reading groups first thing in the morning (9am-9:45am). If you can spare some time in the morning, whether it be for 10 minutes or for the whole 45 minutes, please do drop in and help out. Just a friendly reminder that the temperature has been very hot lately so please ensure your child/children come to school with their drink bottles to ensure they keep well hydrated.

Year 3 - 4 Class - Kristy Walker
This week we have been working on our writing skills and focusing on more interesting ways to start our writing as part of our Seven Steps to Writing Success Program. Here are a few examples written by our class:

How can I get home now? My boat is leaking and I am sinking really fast. By Skye Francis

Help! I am stuck in the middle of the ocean… please help! Is anyone out there? By Ellie Lonergan.

Splash! Oh no it’s a bit wavy in the boat. Quick there is a hole in the boat. By Macie Creevey

Ohhhh no… the shark has taken a huge bite! By Darcy Reddan

Help… help! What are we going to do? I wonder if we are going to survive or drown? By Alissa McComb

For Science this term, students will be observing the life cycle of silkworms and we will be examining relationships between living things and their dependence on the environment. To keep our silkworms safe we will be needing plastic takeaway containers, if you have any at home it would be greatly appreciated if you can bring them in. Have a great week!

Year 5 - 6 Class - Natalie Newell
This week students are settling back into familiar class routines such as homework. Expectations for weekly homework have been discussed with the class and can be found at the front of students’ homework books for any parents who would like to assist their children in this task. Homework is assigned each week as per our school Homework Policy and should not be an onerous task, but one that reinforces work covered in class. Weekly Progress Reports will again be an important form of regular communication between teachers and parents, so please keep an eye out for this sheet as it gives a snapshot of your child’s behaviour, effort and completion of work tasks for the week. It has been an enthusiastic start to our term by all the Year 5&6 students and I was particularly proud of the school leaders who received their badges on Monday. They did an excellent job making their pledges and I am excited to see what the year holds for us under their leadership.

Augathella Yoga Classes
Yoga classes by Sue McDonald Thursdays 5:30pm at Katrina Neucom’s Salon.

Augathella Zumba Fitness
Zumba Fitness Mondays 5:30pm at the Town Hall, bring along water and a towel.

Augathella Golf Club
Golf this Sunday 5th February hit of 1:00pm.

P&C News

P&C AGM will be held on Monday 20th February, 1:00pm in a meeting room at the school.

Several positions will become vacant at the AGM, we would love to hear from you if you are interested in nominating for a role. The P&C is a wonderful committee, the roles are very rewarding and it’s a great team to be a part of. Please feel free to talk to any of the existing Executive Committee Members – Jacqui Parker, Georgie Hiscock, Megan Forrest and Rachelle Cameron. If you are not ready to take on an Executive Role yet, please know that you are very welcome to join the P&C and come along to the meetings to get first hand information about what is happening in our fantastic school. Meetings are held monthly, information is shared directly from the Principal and ideas are discussed to support the school wherever possible. We look forward to another great year with the Augathella State School P&C.

Tuckshop News
On tuckshop this week is Rachelle Cameron and Nat Henry. Molly Dennehy is on homebake.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

BE RESPECTFUL   BE A LEARNER   BE SAFE

Behaviour of the week: I follow instructions

This week in our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons, the students are learning about the importance of following instructions. This positive behaviour expectation has a Be Respectful focus and is applicable to all areas. In class, students discussed the importance of following instructions and what it means to be an active listener. 3 key listening skills were identified: look at the speaker, nothing in our hands and don’t put your hand up when someone is speaking (you will be thinking about the question in your head and not what the speaker is saying). To practice listening and following instructions, students were given the challenge to see how many random words they remembered out of a list of 10 words. I don’t think anyone made 10 first go, but they certainly did well!

** Check weekly **
** Treat quickly **
** Tell the school **
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