Welcome Back
The excitement on Monday the first day of school was incredible! The energy inside the classrooms as students shared holiday experiences and caught up with each other was great. I would like to officially welcome all of our school families to 2017 at Augathella State School and look forward to the year ahead with much anticipation. There are new families joining us this year and we know that the journey you have started will be a very positive experience. The start of the school year is always a hectic time for us all, so please make sure that you keep in touch with your class teacher and don’t hesitate to speak with us if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you all, for what no doubt, will be another great year.

Staffing for 2017
We have been fortunate to have staff from 2016 return to fill their roles again for 2017. This provides great consistency and allows us, as a school, to continue to build and develop our staff capability. This year we also welcome Miss Aimee Ballard who has taken up the position of Kindy Teacher. We are fortunate to have 4 classroom teachers across the school, and the opportunity this offers for our students (such as small class sizes) will be a great benefit for them. Our 2017 staffing is outlined below:

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School Leaders Induction
Next Monday 30th January, we will induct our School leaders on a special parade. Students will receive their badges and have the opportunity to make a pledge to our school to fulfill the duties associated with each role (School Captain School Vice-captain, Sports Captain, House Captain). We would like to invite all of you to attend this occasion and show support for our leaders as they embark on their school leadership journey for 2017. Parade will begin at 9:00am.

Kindy
Our School Kindy Program will begin next Tuesday 31st January, with an initial orientation morning for children and their families. We are very excited to have 9 children working through the program this year, and together with the Brisbane School of Distance Education we will deliver the eKindy program 5 days per fortnight. We look forward to the benefits the program offers as these kindy children come together to interact in a social group while undertaking a variety of educational learning experiences. I would like to welcome all the new kindy families to our school – we look forward to sharing the kindy experience with you.

Homework Club
Homework Club encourages students to complete their homework and to develop healthy study habits. Homework Club commences on Wednesday 1st February for students in Years 1 to 6 and will be held weekly throughout the term from 3:00pm to 3:45pm. Parents are required to complete a permission form in order for your child/ren to attend. Forms will be sent home with students this week and parents are reminded that students must be picked up at 3:45pm and students are encouraged to bring along a healthy snack.

School Swimming
School swimming has resumed again this term. We thank Lisa Creevey for the time she has again volunteered to assist our students in becoming more water safe and confident. It was great to see so many parents assist their children in the water last year and we look forward to this continued support – it really does make a huge difference for these students!

Parenting Information
This week we share some advice from Doctor John Irvine about the importance of asking our children those specific questions. (We have used this information before – with just a few changes) Try some of these questions and see what responses you get…some are sure to be entertaining!
Community and School News

Prep - 2 Class
Welcome back! I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and you are ready to get back into the swing of learning! This year in P-2 classroom we welcome Hunter and Jack. We hope that they enjoy the transition from Kindy to Prep. This week the students have enjoyed settling into the new classroom and exploring the ‘goodies’ in the Kindy space. Term 1 will offer a variety of challenging learning opportunities and I know the students are eager to get started!

Louise Burns

Year 3 - 4 Class
It has been wonderful to see all of the students return excited and prepared for another year of learning. This year the Year 3/4 classroom will be in the library, if you haven’t had an opportunity to check out our new learning space we welcome you to come and take a look. We have already commenced our new and exciting units of work and the students have been thoroughly enjoying reading The Twits by Roald Dahl. If you would like to discuss your child’s learning and the goals we are working towards please come and see me to arrange a time. Have a great week!

Kristy Walker

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Augathella Aqua Ants
Swimming club is on Friday 2nd February. Pool opens at 3:15pm and races will start at 4:00pm. There will be a canteen operating.

Australia Day Celebrations
Breakfast at the Augathella Bowling Club
starting at 7:00am
Hot Pop Corn Machine, Water Slide, Ten Pin Bowls, Lawn bowls
Golf at the Augathella Golf Club
hit off at 2:00pm followed by a BBQ
Come and celebrate Australia Day with everyone!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
BE RESPECTFUL BE A LEARNER BE SAFE

Behaviour of the week: I come to school every day

This week we have begun our explicit teaching of expected behaviours. The students have had a great time brainstorming reasons for why it is important to follow our school expectations. We have explored what it looks, feels and sounds like to be a learner, to be respectful and to be safe.

There has been a lot of media attention around the importance of coming to school every day. It is important for students to come to school every day so they don’t miss out on their learning. We look forward to making every day count.

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Augathella Golf Club
Golf this Sunday 29th January hit of 1:00pm. Everyone Welcome For further information contact Terry Fields

Tuckshop News
There will be NO tuckshop this week. Tuckshop will recommence next Friday 3rd February.
Some tips for starting back at school...

Try not to ask general questions when your child comes home - such as “How did school go?” That’s like someone asking you “How are you going?” or “How did work go?” If you want real answers you must ask specific questions (Dr John Irvine).

Below is a list of some questions to ask if you really want to get some answers…

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. Tell me something that made you happy today.
3. What job did you do in reading groups today?
4. What subject did you do this afternoon?
5. Tell me a joke that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
6. If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?
7. How did you help somebody today?
8. Did anybody do anything super nice to help you today?
9. Tell me something that you learned today.
10. Who did you eat your lunch with today?
11. Tell me something good that happened today.
12. What word did your teacher say most today?
13. If you were in charge of school, what would you do more of? Why?
14. Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
15. Where do you play the most at break times?
16. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
17. What would your rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?
18. If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day, who would you want it to be? Why?
19. If you could switch seats with anyone in the class who would you trade with? Why?
20. If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed up someone who would you want them to take?
21. What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?