Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017!! We have had a fantastic start to the term and I would like to welcome our 18 new students and their families to the Amamoor State School Community. This year we have 62 students enrolled; P-2 class (23), 3/4 Class (23) and 5/6 Class (16).

I have been so proud to see our new preppies in their new school uniforms around the school and also to see our Year 5/6 leaders stepping up to ensure a positive tone across the school as they RESPECT THEMSELVES, OTHERS and SCHOOL & COMMUNITY. We will be holding the Year 6 Leaders Ceremony next Friday, 10th February at 9:00am, where they will be presented with their ‘Student Leader’ badges.

I would like to congratulate the P&C and Friends of Amamoor for a successful Australia Day celebration. There have been many community members commenting on the day and how enjoyable it was.

Overall I have been extremely pleased with the behaviour of all students. This fortnight we are focussing on the expectation “All children to stay seated on the seats until an adult arrives”. Pick up time is a very busy time in the afternoon. We ask the students to sit outside B Block and wait for their parent or caregiver to come up and collect them. I noticed a couple of times last week there were cars parked on the grass beside the front gate. For children’s safety and as a courtesy to our neighbours, could all parents please park in the parking bays provided when collecting their child/ren or if just passing through to use the loading zones.

This week our Daily Rapid Reading program has commenced with 30 students involved in the program. All of our students in year 3 and year 5 as well as any student that is below their expected level will see a tutor every day for 15 minutes to work on an aspect of their reading. Thank you to Debbie Alford for her organisational skills and a huge thank you to the seven volunteers that are delivering the program. If you think you could volunteer some time each week please let the school know.

Thank you all for a great start to the school year!

Adam Montgomery, Principal
FIND A FROG IN FEBRUARY

Community assistance is needed to find out where our frogs are living from Burrum Heads south to Peregian and west to Conondale Range, Kilkivan and Mt Walsh. Frogs are a vital component of eco systems and can be good indicators of environmental health. But they are in trouble worldwide due to habitat loss, pollution and disease and we need to know more about where they are.

Can you help? We want to improve our knowledge in the Mary, Noosa, Burrum River catchments and coastal regions in between. Jump into being a frog searcher this February. You don’t need to be able to identify frogs, just record your observation, take photos and / or record their calls.

A copy of the Queensland Museum pocket guide ‘Frogs in the South East Queensland’ is available to the first 200 frog finders.

For further information visit The Mary River Catchment Committee www.mrccc.org.au or visit your child’s classroom here at Amamoor State School and on the Science wall you will see all the information and record sheets that you are welcome to take home...
A warm welcome to all the new and familiar faces for the 2017 school year. Its fabulous to see all of the little eager smiling faces at school, eager to learn and make new friends, and their grown up companions just as eager for the little people to enjoy their time with their Amamoor School family.

The P&C kicked off the year with our first community event and fundraiser with the Australia Day Family Fun Day. While the numbers were smaller this year it was definitely a great success, with approximately $250 raised and more importantly, every person who attended left with a big smile on their faces and happy memories of the fun times they had at our little school. A big thank you to all of the families who provided home baking, you are definitely keeping our reputation of Amamoor cooks being fabulous cooks alive and well!

The next fundraiser we have is this Friday, 3rd February with our group providing the catering for the Gympie Regional Councils ‘FREE movie in the park’ The Muppets Most Wanted, which is at the Lions Park at the end of Amamoor Street (in the Recreation Grounds near the Amamoor Station), starting at 7pm. We will be providing sausages and bread along with burgers, cold drinks, popcorn, chips, cold drinks, tea & coffee and home baking for all of the patrons. Therefore, we need some willing workers to help on the night. If you aren’t planning on attending it would be great if you could send some home baking to school on Friday to help out. There was a note sent home on Monday regarding this event so if you haven’t seen it please have a look for it and send it back to school asap.

The first P&C meeting for the year is on Tuesday 21st February at 6:30pm in the library; please mark it on your calendars now. It is a great opportunity for all families to have input into all of the extra-curricular activities we provide for the children, and have a say on how we spend all of our hard earned funds. I look forward to seeing many new faces there along with catching up with the familiar faces as well. Children are welcome at the meeting, as they can play/read in the library or even have a game of hand-ball outside. The meeting is usually over in an hour. See you there!

Cathy Forsdike
P&C President
0487 051 075

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting Tuesday, 21st February @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome (including children). Hope to see you there!

2016-2017 Amamoor P&C Executive Committee;

**PRESIDENT**
Cathy Forsdike 5484 3443/0487 051 075

**VICE PRESIDENT**
Sarah Boody 0458 021 601

**SECRETARY**
Alexia Broome 5484 3120

**(Acting) TREASURER**
Samantha Robb 5488 4112

**UNIFORM CONVENOR**
Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**
Melina Larner 0402 755 102
**ICY CUPS**
**ON SALE**
**EVERY FRIDAY**
**AFTER SCHOOL**
@ 3pm
To help raise FUNDS for the grade 6 Graduation

$1

**MESSAGE TO PARENTS - PAYING STUDENT INVOICES VIA BPAY/BPOINT**
When paying student invoices via BPay or BPoint please remember to pay each child separately using their 'unique' student ID reference on the invoice - BPoint can be located on the bottom left hand side of the invoice and BPay on the lower right hand side. This will help 'match' your payments to each child's invoice.

Thank you in advance, Lisa (Admin)

**LOST PROPERTY**
Has your child lost something...? Parents please check the lost property box regularly to locate any lost clothing, hats, lunchboxes, water bottles etc. at the front of B block.

Handy tip...please name ALL clothing/lunchboxes so it is easy for children and staff to find the owners!!

Thank you 😊

**RUN CLUB!**
★ Starts again for 2017, next week (week 3)
★ Mondays and Thursdays 8:00am to 8:45am
★ It’s hot! Bring a drink bottle, towel, change of shirt or running singlet
★ All welcome, something for all levels from Prep to year 6 children

Special twilight session Tuesdays at 5:00pm for ex-Amamoor students (high schoolers), mums, dads or community members, all welcome—walkers too! Thank you Alexia Broome

**AMAMOOR STATE SCHOOL**
**LEARN & PLAY**
**PLAYGROUP**

Come and join us 9-11:00am Every Tuesday

★ With a qualified Teacher
★ Bring a hat, drink, snack & $2.00 (which helps provide resources for Playgroup)
★ Heaps of learning & fun to be had!!

For any enquiries please feel free to call Amamoor State School on 5401 1333

**UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS**
Reminder for everyone..... If you have changed address, phone number (including mobile) or have a new email address or any other information that enables us to contact you more easily, please notify the school office on...

5401 1333

Thank you! 😊

**BOOKCLUB**
Don’t forget BOOKCLUB is due NEXT MONDAY!
There is a fantastic assortment of wonderful books in the new catalogue which has been sent home. Don’t miss out!! Reading has never been more fun!
From the Principal
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

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Rob Wilson resides in Amamoor (close to Amamoor School) and is a professional guitarist. Rob has over 25 years experience in performance and has taught previously in New Zealand at Dean Ashby's school and is currently holding lessons at a Gympie Primary School.

If your child would like to learn guitar after school please call Rob to secure your booking or for more information.

Phone 5488 4510

IMBIL MARY VALLEY SCOUT GROUP
Our SIGN ON DAY will be held on February 4th, at the Scout Den on the corner of William and Derria Streets, Imbil, starting at 9:00am. Boys and girls from 8 years can join Scouts. Get outdoors, get active, come along and join in the fun. Contact Raymond on 0429 845 109.

2017 SIGN ON
Friday Feb 17th from 5pm (Bar/BBQ/Games)
Saturday Feb 18th - 10am to 2pm
‘Free - sausage sizzle / ice blocks / ‘have a go’
U 7 (Hook in2 Hockey), U 9, U 11, U 13, Youth & Seniors (Men/Women)

A SAFE, FUN & AFFORDABLE SPORT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Acting Wise
the Owl Program

Young people exploring their imagination.
Co-operating & concentrating.
Building confidence & self awareness.
Communicating with courage, resilience, honesty & generosity.

Creative workshops for children, youth & adults

2017
Term 1 Jan 31 - Mar 21
Term 2 May 2 - June 20
Term 3 July 16 - Sept 5
Term 4 Oct 10 - Nov 28
8 wk terms $80
7 - 9 yrs 3.30 - 4.25pm
9 - 13 yrs 4.30 - 5.30pm
13+ and adult tbc

Gerry Hillier has worked as a yoga teacher, drama and creative expression facilitator, script writer and director for the past 30 years. She is co-ordinator for the yoga centre.

Lesa Bell works with arts organisation to co-ordinate events and provide creative opportunities for youth.

Bookings and enquiries:
Gympie Yoga and Relaxation Centre
7 Alma St info@yogahouse.com.au
5482 6263

OLD TIME COUNTRY DANCE
WITH THE SUNSHINE SWING BAND
KANDANGA HALL
SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2017
7.30PM START – DOORS OPEN 7PM
DELICIOUS SUPPER PROVIDED
LUCKY DOOR & LUCKY SPOT
MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE
MONTE CARLO

COST: ADULT $12.00
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: $6.00

ENQUIRIES: K WORTH 54843493/0409843492
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