It’s Muster Time! Firstly I would like to say a huge thankyou to Sarah, Chris and the community and parent helpers that are giving up their time to support our school and volunteer at the Muster and the Mary Valley Show.

It has been an extremely busy 2 weeks here at Amamoor as we have been busy making displays and completing our art, craft and writing pieces for the Mary Valley Show. Our kitchen garden is looking really healthy and we currently have sold $25 worth of produce at the Dagun Growers Market !!!

At last night’s P&C meeting it was decided that we will trial holding P&C meeting on Friday mornings at 8.30 AM. The next meeting actually will be on September 18 which is the last day of school for term 3. The P&C team do a fantastic job supporting the school-Hope to see you there.

With the amount of illness going around it is no surprise that our attendance rate has dropped. We have made our behaviour focus this fortnight “Care for Yourself– Wash hands, flush toilets and use good hygiene”. We still have a number of students away sick and hopefully we can have all students back at school learning soon. Please remember if your child will be away could you please let the school know. A phone call, note or popping in to tell the teacher will really help us to maintain our records and fulfil our requirements.

Current Attendance
- Prep 95.1%
- Year 1 89.9%
- Year 2 94.7%
- Year 3 92.7%
- Year 4 94.7%
- Year 5 93.7%
- Year 6 91.2%

This term we will be using a different format for parent/teacher interviews where all interviews will be held on the one afternoon. All teachers will be available on Monday 14 September. More information and booking sheets will be sent home soon.

I have sent out a feedback form with this newsletter to gather some information from parents about the school. I am currently in the process of developing Amamoor State School’s Strategic Plan, which will outline the direction of the school for the next 4 years. Could I please encourage you to take a minute to jot down your thoughts and send back to the school.

Adam Montgomery
Principal
Year 5/6 Cooking

We had a fantastic time cooking on Friday afternoon. We used produce from our garden and made guacamole, salsa and kale chips. Thank you to Matt Golinski for the kale chip recipe.
• Playgroup every Tuesday 9-11am
• Tuckshop every Monday
• Craft Club every Monday at 1:15pm

MARY VALLEY BLUE LIGHT

Disco - Kandanga Hall
Friday 4th of September 2015
6.30 pm till 8.30 pm
$5 entry - 8 to 15 years old only
High school IDs needed
Some great prizes on the night
See website for more info: mvbl.ww.com.au

Gympie State High School
Yr 7 2016
INFORMATION SESSION
6pm - 7pm Wednesday 9th September 2015
Attend the information session at our Junior Secondary Building

Resilience, Diversity, Success, Tradition
From the Principal

Our School Expectations

Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

I’m pretty sure everyone at Amamoor would agree that we have a very proactive P&C who achieve amazing results through a variety of activities throughout the year. For those who haven't yet gotten involved with the P&C, you may not realise just how much time and effort is invested into this school by our wonderful volunteers. If it weren't for our P&C members things like Tuck Shop and the Kitchen Garden would not happen. We also wouldn't have the funds available to be able to do things such as pay for transport for swimming lessons, buses to camps & excursions or help to fund air-con throughout the school. Activities like the Bush Dance, Australia Day celebrations, Mother's and Father's day stalls, craft club, school banking and even the supply of school uniforms would not go on if it weren't for the P&C. That includes things like visits from special guests such as Costa and Matt Golinski, both of which were organised by parents. And what is the one thing that all of these things have in common? They benefit the students of Amamoor school. Every child here has benefited in one way or another from the work of our wonderful volunteers. Sadly though, as is often the case, it's the same few people always putting their hands up to be involved and to get things done but eventually, those folks may burn out and walk away. So I would like to encourage you, if you haven't already, to put your hand up and give a hand. In most cases all you'll be asked to do is to spare some time but those few hours can make the world of difference to both our regular volunteers, our school and most importantly your kids, because without everyone's support our P&C and our school cannot thrive.

Bush Dance: The Bush Dance was an enormous success and everyone that attended had a fabulous evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our students getting involved throughout the night and the community spirit that flowed was simply delightful. Thanks must go to The Grey Cats band who provided the music for the evening and also to Tom our caller. A huge thanks also to Diane Cleary for organizing the whole event. As per usual, Diane did an amazing job and we really appreciate all of your efforts to make the night such a success.

Mary Valley Show: VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO ASSIST. PLEASE CONTACT DONNA RASMUSSEN IF YOU CAN SPARE A FEW HOURS.

Tuck Shop: Everyone loves Mondays at Amamoor because it's Tuck Shop Day! Donna Oxley and Hayley do a brilliant job making sure that everyone is fed and satisfied. However, from time to time they need an extra pair of hands. If you would be willing to help out on occasion we would love to hear from you.

NEW P&C MEETING TIME:
As many can appreciate, getting to a P&C meeting at 6:30pm can prove to be a challenge. So, as a trial we will be holding our next meeting on a Friday morning. We'd like to give it a shot and see if this is a more user friendly time for our meetings.
Next meeting: Friday 18th September at 8:30am. If you can join us, we'd love to see you there.

YIAH Fundraiser: We'd like to thank the 6 families that supported our recent "Your Inspiration At Home" fundraiser. It was a bit disappointing that so many families chose not to take the opportunity to try these great products especially when 40% of the total was being donated back to our school. Thanks to Cathy for making it all happen.

Anzac Memorial Orchard: Work on our memorial orchard is due to get underway very soon. So far we have only located 12 men from this area that served during WWI. If you or your family members know of anyone from Amamoor or surrounding areas who lost their lives during the war we'd love to hear from them and any information they may have.

"If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to approach the P&C team, we'd only be too glad to hear your ideas". How to contact your P&C.

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Donna Oxley
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan):

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

Chappy’s Chat

If so, you may be interested in the Management of Young Children Program (MYCP). This program has been developed by, and is run by, specialist staff from Education Queensland.

WHAT IS INVOLVED? TIME...
You will need to attend the centre twice a week for an hour each time. The length of the training depends on individual families but it may last anywhere from 3 to 8 weeks.

COST...FREE

MAKING AN APPOINTMENT...
Contact Josh at the GYMPIE MYCP CENTRE on 0408 701 039. A time will be made to discuss the program with you and answer any questions that you may have.

DO YOU HAVE SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN PREP TO GRADE 2 WHOSE BEHAVIOUR IS DIFFICULT TO MANAGE?

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Well we had a fantastic time at Hope Reins this morning with some of our year 5/6’s. It was a wonderful time of volunteering and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We got to plant trees, pick up horse manure, and meet some of the horses who have been helped through Hope Reins. It was such a great time that I am hoping we can continue to enjoy visiting Hope Reins.

This past week I watched the movie “Made of Honor”, as I’m getting married soon, it was a great light-hearted comedy about all that could go wrong with a wedding. In the movie, the male lead has trouble telling people that he loves them, yet he gives dogs his undivided attention and can’t stop telling them he loves them. Combine this with visiting Hope Reins today, and I’ve been thinking about how animals have feelings and we do all these nice things for animals, and how most people struggle to do the same for the people around them. For instance we play with our dogs, we pick up horse manure for rescued horses, we pat our cats, overall we’re really nice to animals. Yet, how often are we nice to the people around us, how often do we play with those around us who aren’t like us. Why are we so afraid of being nice to the people around us, yet we will shower affection onto pets and other animals in our lives. What are we missing out on by not being able to show the people around us that we care. Just something that I’ve been thinking about that I wanted to share.

Chappy Caitlin
From the Principal

- Gardening Club every Friday Lunchtimes
- Breakfast Club every Tuesday morning
- Camera Club every Tuesday at 1.15pm

Help us beautify our garden spaces!

We are planning on building a mural on a wall in our new kitchen garden using plastic bottle/jar lids. We need hundreds of lids in different sizes and colours, all must be plastic. The picture is just an example of what can be achieved, isn’t it great? Each classroom will have a bucket for the lids to be deposited into. Please send lids from yoghurt containers, milk bottles, jars and anything else that has a round plastic lid in with your child each day. Any queries contact Cathy Forsdike on 0487 051 075.

On the 3, 4, 5 October - the long weekend – the Mary Valley Local Chaplaincy Committee and local community members, are hosting the inaugural ‘Trailblazers’ Horse Ride. This ride goes over the 3 days, taking riders through our beautiful forest areas west of Imbil and up behind Borumba Dam, camping each night at a lovely spot on ‘Glen Idle’.

The proceeds of this ride go towards supporting the chaplain in your school, and for this reason we are encouraging the school community to get behind the venture.

There will be a variety of ways you can help. Currently, we have showers, but are looking for some camping en suites to provide privacy for the showers at the base camp.

If you can lend us one, please contact Ken Ward on 0428605393.