This Monday it was a pleasure to see our year six leaders receive their leaders badges and read out their leaders oath. Councillor Julie Walker presented the students with their badges and all eight leaders are excited to accept the challenge and responsibility of being a school leader. Thank you very much to the parents and community members that attended and also the P&C for providing the morning tea.

At Amamoor State School the areas for improvement remain the same - Literacy, Numeracy, Upper Two Bands and Attendance with a focus on reading. The Daily Rapid Reading program is going really well. We have a number of parents and community volunteers assisting in the school. Currently 30 students are reading one-on-one with the tutor everyday until early next term when another group of students will participate. All students will participate in the program this year.

I’d like to welcome Donna Story to the staff. Many parents will know Mrs Story from her time working here in previous years. It is fantastic to have Donna as part of the Amamoor team. Donna will be working with the Prep /1/2 class Monday -Thursday mornings.

Our transition class will start next term. Every Thursday morning from 9-11am, we will be running activities for students that will be in prep next year. They will be “working” alongside our current preps making a creative play space and participating in a number of rotational activities. The Playgroup room will be open as well so parents that want to bring younger siblings will be more than welcome.

Parent and school communication is vitally important to ensure all of our students are succeeding. We have now established an email list for newsletters and updates, the SMS service is working well along with the school website. Another avenue to keep in touch with the happenings at the school is to download the QSchools app where current newsletters and date claimers are advertised. Please ensure your contact details are updated regularly to take advantage of all of these services. Thank you to the parents that have completed and returned surveys. These really assist us to ensure Amamoor State School is meeting our students’ needs.

We will be hosting parent interviews in 3 weeks time. This is an opportunity for us to discuss your child’s progress and also any issues that you may have. I would like to encourage parents and caregivers to take advantage of this opportunity.

Friday activities are going great. Students are enjoying the variety of activities and we have had two very informative excursions. Remember, if you’d like to offer your assistance on these days please contact the school or Cathy Forsdike on 5484 4334.

As always I would like to acknowledge the assistance that we receive from the P&C and parent helpers. The assistance provided by the parent and community volunteers goes a long way to ensuring that our school is a dynamic and exciting place for our children to learn. Thank you very much for your support and I look forward to catching up again next fortnight.

Thank you again for your support,
Global Citizens

The students in the year 3/4 class are displaying a keen interest in investigating cultures from all over the world.

This interest stems from their natural curiosity about other countries, their own family backgrounds, their interest in food and cooking and from discussing the multi-cultural nature of our own country, Australia.

Many students have bought in souvenirs from other places visited by their family or other family members.

Our photo display shows these.
Greetings everyone. Is anyone else rejoicing that Summer is officially over and Autumn has begun? The weather has definitely eased a tad and I’m looking forward to the cooler times ahead. This of course means lots of production in the Kitchen Garden and much more pleasant play time for the children. Happy days! Our student leaders did a wonderful job at the special leaders parade on Monday. Thank you to the parents who helped out with the morning tea, it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

There are 2 events to keep in mind over the coming weeks. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, 15th of March. Please put a note on your calendar and if you can only make it to one meeting this term, make it this one. There will be lots to discuss and of course we will be electing a new executive. If you are interested in taking up a position on the committee, please let one of us know. If you're interested, but not sure what it entails, then please grab any one of our current P&C parents and they’ll be happy to tell you more. Our current executive have done a wonderful job but due to other commitments they need to stand down so the school needs some willing helpers to take on these rewarding roles in order to keep our amazing P&C going and continuing the great work they’ve done. The second event is our election day cake stall. This is a great little fund raiser for the school. If you can help in any way, please be sure and fill out the pink forms which were sent home this week.

Regards, Donna Rasmussen

AGM P&C Meeting: Please join us for the AGM, followed by a P&C Meeting, on Tuesday 15th March @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome, including children!

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Donna Oxley

Chappy’s Chat......

This term has started with a bang and we’re off to a great start. We’ve started off the handball competition and the competition is fierce. Semi-finals will be on the 15th of March and the finals will be the last Wednesday of the term. This is a great opportunity for parents to come and support their children, even if they aren’t competing in the finals. The students are really excited about this competition and it has been exciting to watch the students grow and develop their handball skills.

I’m so excited for the opportunities that are coming up for the school and would love to meet with you. Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you, Chappy Caitlin
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Cooloola Community Toy Library
PHONE 0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie Q 4570
or back street entrance (Opp IGA)

Country Kitchens Program Given Green Light!
Funding for a program to improve the health of families by developing their cooking skills has been approved by Queensland Health Minister Cameron Dick. The QWCA Country Kitchens program will support people to develop confidence and practical cooking skills and then take these skills and use them in their home kitchen to prepare healthy meals.

We have been given a great opportunity as the Country Kitchen QWCA program has united with the Girl Guides of Imbil to introduce this.

On the 3rd March at 9.00 am you are most welcome to attend at the Girl Guide Hut William Street Imbil. It will only cost you $10.00 for the day. Everything will be provide you just need to attend. You will have to be quick as there are a limited 20 places available.

Please contact Amanda Tombs 0407128915 or Jenece Drake 0407636289.

Mary Valley Pony Club (Imbil)
Come and try day!
Sunday, 20th March - 9:00am @ Imbil Showgrounds
Members and non-members welcome!
Non-members $25.00 / day
Members $15.00 / day
Enquiries: Chris 5488 6831 or 0458 931 918

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.

AMAMOOR STATE SCHOOL
LEARN & PLAY PLAYGROUP
★ Come and join us 9-11:00am
   Every Tuesday
★ With a qualified Teacher Aide
★ 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

GUITAR TEACHER
Rob Wilson has recently moved into our area 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.

If your child would like to learn guitar after school please call Rob to secure your booking or for more information....
Phone 5488 4510

TUCKSHOP................. Mondays
BREAKFAST CLUB........ Tuesdays
PLAYGROUP (9-11am).......Tuesday mornings
SCHOOL BANKING......... Tuesdays (please place bank deposit books in office mailbox)
SCHOOL PARADES......... Fridays @ 2:30pm

Fun, Friends and Adventure
Want to belong to an organization with more than 10 million members in 145 Countries? Think Guides. It’s more than fun and adventure - it’s about developing skills in teamwork and leadership. Girls in Guiding achieve goals, improve communities and grow in confidence. It’s all about being your best!
We meet at Imbil 1st Guide Hut, William Street, Imbil on Monday’s 4.30-6pm and your Qualified Leader for Imbil is Amanda Tombs (Nara). You can contact us at 1300 GIRL GUIDES or go to Girl Guides Australia website at www.girlguides.org.au or come along
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Clean up Amama Park, Cut Cats Claw, Enjoy Amamoor State Forest

Sunday 6 March, AMAMA PARK
7.15 to 8.15 am Morning bird walk
8.00 to 11.00 am Working bee
10.30 to 11.30 am Park walk
11.00 onwards PICNIC in the PARK

Meet: At the Landcare sign at Amama Park
When: Come for an hour or spend the day
ACDC licensed supervisors.

Further information: Gympie & District Landcare Group,
1483 BESG (Via to Ir.) OR
admin@gympielandcare.org.au

Let’s FREE a TREE

STREET STALL FOR CHAPLAINS hosted by Trailblazers

Trailblazers are sponsoring a street stall to support the Mary Valley school chaplains
Easter Saturday
9am-12 noon
outside Mary Valley Traders

Supporters of our chaplains are needed to help with:
- baking ie slice, cake, biscuits (all items to be packaged and labelled with ingredients listed)
- jams, craft, sewing, other saleable items

Contact Bronwyn on 5488 6038 or Helen on 5484 3143
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CRAZY HAIR DAY

FRIDAY 18th March

Colour your hair, wear a crazy hat, gel your hair, wear a crazy wig!

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR CRAZY HAIR

FOR THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION
'World's Greatest Shave' - Be Brave & Shave

WEAR FREE DRESS