Well the muster is over for another year and I really want to thank Sarah, Chris and the entire community for their support of this major fundraiser for the school. On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to say a genuine thank you for your time and effort and can assure everyone that the air conditioners this fundraising helped to purchase will make an enormous difference to the learning conditions here at Amamoor.

Last week was National Book Week. We had a great day yesterday for our Book Week dress up day. It was fantastic to see the students dressed up and speak passionately about characters from their favourite books. Thank you very much to all those patient parents as well who assisted their child to prepare their costume.

This week our behaviour focus is on keeping our book work neat and tidy. It is one of our expectations that students take pride in their work. In my travels around the school I have seen some incredible books that are neat, accurate and set out according to Amamoor SS expectations. Could I ask all parents to have a look at their child’s homework book to see how they are going with this. We have also just purchased a number of prizes as rewards for excellent behaviour. We have coloured wrist bands and badges that the students are allowed to wear to school to show that they have been following the rules, we even have special “post cards” that will come home to parents to show when students have had an exceptionally good day.

Our kitchen garden is growing beautifully. The students in the 5/6 class have been cooking on a Friday and are beginning to study permaculture with Mrs Rasmussen. The students have made salsa, guacamole and rice paper rolls. The garden has been going so well that we have sold $60 worth of produce at the Dagun Growers’ Markets. If you would like to purchase some fresh herbs or vegetables, please call the school to see what we have available. Also, if you would like to volunteer in our gardens we are registered as a Voluntary Work Organisation with Centrelink and can assure you that with the orchard coming there is plenty for everyone to do.

Finally I would just like to remind parents there will be a parent interview evening on Monday 14 September. Notes will be out soon to book in a time.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Adam Montgomery
Principal
Last Wednesday the P/1/2 class had a special visitor Ms Paula Wooton. We invited Paula to speak to our class about her culture. Paula made lemon myrtle biscuits, wattle seed biscuits and damper with lilly-pilly berry jam. She also made some lemon myrtle cordial for the children to taste. Paula’s message to the class was ‘How the indigenous Australians used seeds, berries and leaves from their environment to make bush tucker’. Everyone tried these new foods and were amazed to think such ‘delicious tucker’ could come from the bush.

The students enthusiastically participated in jewellery making and produced some lovely hand-made bracelets. Paula showed the students a range of artefacts made from the materials from the bush environment. We thank Paula for making the delicious bush tucker for us to try and for telling us about how the indigenous people used their environment to support their lifestyle.
These bowls are painted with ochre & kangaroo blood. The kangaroo blood stopped the paint from coming off. The bowls were used to carry food & their babies.

You make music with Nulla Nulla’s and you can dig for food under the ground with them.

You tap the top of this emu caller and it makes the noise of an emu. You can call emus with this.

This looks like a boat. Aboriginals carried nuts and food in these.

Zoe: ‘I liked the tasting best’
Sara: ‘I liked the drink best. It was made out of soda water and tea tree leaves’

‘This is a very big boomerang. The aboriginals threw the boomerangs at animals so they could kill them and eat them’.
The cake was yummy!

‘I was making beads on wire. The beads were red, yellow and black as the sun is yellow, the ground is red and the sky is black on the aboriginal flag. I liked to make a bracelet’.

‘I was making a bracelet and it was a lot of fun. There were red, yellow and black beads. The beads were small and it took a long time to make the bracelets. I enjoyed it’.

‘The cake was yummy!’

The indigenous people made the damper from seeds they collected which they ground with a stone, added water and cooked on their fire. The jam came from the berries of the lilly-pilly trees.
- 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.www.com.au

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**INFORMATION SESSION**

**6pm - 7pm Wednesday 9th September 2015**

Attend the information session at our Junior Secondary Building

Resilience, Diversity, Success, Tradition
**P&C News**

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.

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 are 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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**2015 Bush Dance Raffle Prize Donors**
Amamoor State School P&C would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations of raffle prizes for our annual Bush Dance.

- Amamoor Mechanical Repairs
- Gardenware Amamoor
- Tom Grady Rural Merchandise Gympie
- Mooloo Mountain Produce & Saddlery Gympie
- Kandanga Country Meats
- Dagun Growers Market
- Nestle Gympie
- BOS Rural Supplies
- Amamoor General Store
- Pamela Foley Hairdressing Amamoor
AMAMOOR STATE SCHOOL LEARN & PLAY PLAYGROUP
★ Come and join us 9-11 Every Tuesday
★ With a qualified Teacher Aide
★ Bring a hat, drink, snack & a gold coin donation
★ Heaps of learning & fun to be had
For any enquiries call Amamoor State School on 54011333

IMBIL RURAL WATCH
Although this Rural Watch is called ‘Imbil’ Rural Watch it covers all of Sergeant Kennedy and Senior Constable Greer’s patrol area. Meetings are normally held at Kandanga Hall the 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30pm.

DO YOU HAVE SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN PREP TO GRAGE 2 WHOSE BEHAVIOUR IS DIFFICULT TO MANAGE
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.

Cooloola Community Toy Library
PHONE 0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie Q 4570 or back street entrance (Opp IGA)

ICY CUPS ON SALE EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3:00PM
To help raise FUNDS for the grade 6 graduation
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Wow, where has the term gone? We’re only 3 weeks from holidays (ok, 2 weeks and 2 days but who’s counting?) So much has happened this term and its been so exciting and next term looks like just as much fun, if not more. I’m so excited for the end of the year and all of the fun things planned already.

This weeks behaviour expectation is Follow Bookwork Expectations, respecting yourself through how you present your work. So often for all of us, we lapse into an ‘it’s done and it looks ok’ mentality, I know I do. It’s so much easier to do something half heartedly rather than put the effort in to do something that looks amazing. Yet how good do we feel when we do put that little bit more effort in and we know that it is done the way we wanted it to be done. So I’m challenging myself and you, what is one thing this week you can put a little bit more effort into to do an amazing job on that you would normally do half-heartedly? It’s amazing how one little thing can change your perspective on life and it truly is about respecting yourself just that little bit more.

Have a fantastic week!

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

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.