Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

**ANZAC DAY THANK YOU:** Our students demonstrated strong community spirit at the ANZAC ceremony and march at Kandanga last week. This special day was well attended by students and families. We appreciate your ongoing support.

**NAPLAN:** Year 3 and Year 5 families are reminded that NAPLAN will occur during Week 5 of Term 2. The students will complete the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) from **Tuesday, 10 May 2016 to Thursday, 12 May 2016**. The following Monday will be used for catch up tests in cases of absence.

Every week at Amamoor State School is about enjoying learning and building strong relationships. This includes the NAPLAN week, so please ensure your children view it as a regular school week to enjoy. If you have any questions or concerns, you can read an information sheet located at: [http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2015_Parent_information_brochure_web.pdf](http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2015_Parent_information_brochure_web.pdf)

**SCHOOL STAFFING UPDATE:** This week we have commenced our revised staffing structure. Miss Broome is now the fulltime P/1/2 teacher, Julie Kimber remains the 3/4 teacher and Jocelyn Pope has commenced as the 5/6 teacher Monday to Wednesday. I will be filling the role of Literacy and Numeracy Teacher Monday to Wednesday and 5/6 class teacher Thursday and Friday.

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY:** Congratulations to Miss Broome and our Cross Country Team who performed so well at the District Cross Country Trials at One Mile Oval yesterday. We had 13 runners supported by many parents. Most students ran their best time and it was great to see the students putting in a huge effort. A special mention goes to Shellby Grimshaw who was selected to represent Gympie District at the Regional Cross Country Trials.

**WORKING BEE:** This Saturday there will be a working bee at the school from 1pm. Please see P&C News for more details. It will be great to see everyone there.

**UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR:** We welcome Brendan Edwards as the Amamoor School P&C uniform co-ordinator taking over from Nikki Hadfield. To organise a suitable time to meet with Brendan please contact him directly on **0417 757 397** to arrange the purchase of uniforms. Thank you to Nikki (and Ruby!) for volunteering as the uniform co-ordinator, we appreciate your time and efforts!

Thank you again for your continued support, 

Adam Montgomery

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**Reminder for everyone...** If you have changed address, phone number (including mobile) or have a new email or any other information that enables us to contact you more easily, please notify the school office on **5401 1333**.

Thank you.
This term the 3/4 class has been learning about ‘The Great Barrier Reef’. In our science unit we will be investigating three life cycles of reef creatures, threats to the Great Barrier Reef and how science will help find solutions to these threats.

Below is our colourful classroom display which our students created with great enthusiasm as well as what our kids have to say about the Great Barrier Reef.

**Will:** Everything in the reef is colourful. The Crow of Thorns is eating the coral and endangering the reef.

**Maverick:** The scientists are asking the government for at least $80 000 000 to help them stop the bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef. The Crown of Thorns is eating the coral which is destroying the homes of little fish that live in the coral.

**Jake:** The Great Barrier Reef has lots of sea creatures. Scientist believe the reef won’t be around when I grow up because it is all dying. The fish of the reef are really good at camouflaging.

**Symone:** You can go in glass bottom boats out to the reef to see the colourful sea creatures of the Great Barrier Reef.

**Matthew:** The Great Barrier Reef is on the coast of Australia.

I have been to the Great Barrier Reef and went snorkelling. I saw a really big sea turtle. I went in the glass bottom boat and looked at all the amazing, colourful fish. I had a lot of fun there.

I reckon everybody should go and see the Great Barrier Reef.
May is ‘NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH’. At Amamoor State School we celebrate reading every day. It is fantastic to see how excited and enthusiastic students at Amamoor are with their reading. There are many, many new books in our library at present (thank you Mr Montgomery) with children excitedly asking for books so they can read before they are even shelved. This is so wonderful to see.

To celebrate ‘National Family Reading Month’ at Amamoor, we will be holding a ‘BOOKFAIR’ from the 23rd—27th of May. What a wonderful way to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books, not only for the child but for the whole family.

A great selection of books will be displayed around our library for parents, children, friends and community members to come and peruse and purchase. There will also be a colouring competition and hat parade with prizes given for effort and creativity, for the student who has read the most books and most time spent reading. Think of some ways you may be able to earn and save some pocket money to support this great school event.

Watch this space for more information closer to the date!

Thank you…….Mrs Alford

Chappy’s Chat…….

What a wonderful time of year this is. It's coming into the colder months but there is so much to be excited for. While for the year 3’s and 5’s there’s Naplan next week, there is also a short week with the Gympie Show and all the excitement that accompanies that.

We have fundraisers coming up with our Spin-Off team almost completely organized, so if you would like to donate towards our team, please see me on either Tuesday’s or Wednesdays.

We also have Chappy Week coming up on the 14th to the 22nd of May. This year as well as our Toucan Coffee fundraiser there will be a free dress day at school to raise funds for Chaplaincy. This will be a gold coin donation for free dress. Our Toucan Coffee fundraiser this year is every hot drink bought with a Chaplaincy Coupon (between 14th and 22nd May) will have $1 donated to chaplaincy. These coupons are attached to the newsletter and more are available from the office. You will need one coupon per drink purchased for us to have the maximum amount of money raised for chaplaincy.

This is a great way to make sure that we continue to have Chaplains in our schools and I hope that you can participate in our fundraising endeavours.

Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you, Chappy Caitlin
Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

P&C News

What a great turn out we had for the ANZAC Day Parade in Kandanga! Thank you to all the parents and students who turned up on the day to show respect for those lost in war. The children who stood up as representatives of our school did us all very proud.

The Gympie Show is only just over a week away, and this year the Amamoor State School will have a school display in the pavilion with all of the other schools, so don’t forget to go and check it out! The Dагun Co-op has also requested the help of some of our students to set up their display at the show, which is a great honour.

We also need your help to collect plastic bottle caps to be repurposed into garden art. The toilet block wall which faces into the kitchen garden is being decorated with artworks designed by Sarah Boody and built with the children. It will include a scarecrow, chickens and butterflies all cut out of ply board and covered in bottle caps. So, as you can imagine, we need thousands of different coloured plastic bottle caps, such as from milk bottles and juice bottles. If families can first wash the bottle caps in soapy water, then deposit them into the tubs in each of the classrooms, the kids will be able to complete their project.

We need as many people as possible to attend our working bee on this Saturday 7th May at 1pm, as many hands make light work, so please mark it in on your calendar. Children are very welcome, they usually have a ball helping with fun jobs and playing with their friends. The afternoon will be finished off with a free sausage sizzle, and everyone is invited to bring a plate to share and cool beverages to rehydrate with!

The P&C has had a busy month with members meeting about the gardens, and about the tuckshop as well as the usual P&C meeting. Please keep an eye on your inbox as you will be emailed the minutes from all meetings so you have the opportunity to keep up to date with all of the goings on. There are some exciting things happening in our school which I am sure the children would love to talk with you about.

The next P&C meeting has been moved a week earlier, so please note that it is on next Tuesday the 10th of May at 6:30pm. Children are welcome to come along; they usually play board games, colour in or play handball, and we aim to have the meeting over within an hour.

Our biggest fundraiser is the Gympie Music Muster, which is held in August. Please start thinking about volunteering with us on the front gates, it really is fun! For one shift you earn yourself a free ticket in to see all the great artists, and perhaps we can raise the money required to air-condition the library.

Cathy Forsdike, P&C President

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday 10th May @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome, including children!

2016 Amamoor P&C Executive Committee;

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

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Sarah Boody 0458 021 601

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Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**
Donna Oxley
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan):
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

From the Principal

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

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

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

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
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Support Our Chappy’s @ Toucan Coffee

Chappy Week – 14th - 22nd May

Every hot drink bought with a Chaplaincy Coupon will have $1 donated to Chaplaincy!
VALID 14/05/16 to 22/05/2016 ONLY and 1 hot drink per coupon