Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome to another fortnight at Amamoor State School. We have been extremely busy in and out of the classrooms.

I would like to welcome Mrs Fiona Cooper who has done a fantastic job in the 3/4 classroom and will be with us for the next 4 weeks whilst Mrs Kimber recovers from a medical procedure. Mrs Cooper has settled in beautifully and I am sure she will enjoy her time here at Amamoor State School.

As you know our school priorities are Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance and Upper 2 Bands. A part of our attendance strategy is to make schooling as fun and engaging as possible. Last Friday at the Lap-a-thon it was great to see all of our students dressed in fancy dress (see page 5 for list of 'Best Fancy Dress' winners), running an amazing amount of laps and having fun raising money for our school. A big thank you to the Staff and Parents for their efforts to ensure the day was a success. Don't forget to bring your fundraising monies back to school by this Friday, 5th August.

School Camp
The school camp is on this term! The P&C have donated $4,000 dollars to subsidise the camp to Luther Heights at Coolum from 5th to 7th September. Students in years 3/4/5/6 will be going for two nights ($135) whilst students in Prep/1/2 will go for a day visit on Monday, 5th September (free). Notes will come home this week. Please return student permissions asap along with payments. More information will be sent home confirming what students will need to bring along to camp and the day trip and Camp Medical form.

Bush Poetry
It is all about Bush Poetry this term at Amamoor. All students are practicing their team poems in class and have individual poems to practice at home. This year there will be a couple more bush poetry events on the calendar.

All students will be invited to perform at the 'Choo Choo' Bar’s Bush Poetry night at Dagun on the Friday night after the Poetry competition (19th August) while the winners of the poetry competition will be invited to perform in a Bush Poetry at the Gympie Muster on the following Thursday morning (25th August).

Gympie District Athletics
Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Amamoor State School in the Gympie District Athletics trials next Thursday and Friday. Miranda, Shellby, Oliver, Bailey, Jess, Reece and Jarrah. Try your best, good luck and enjoy yourselves!

As always I would like to recognise and thank you all for your support of the school.

Adam Montgomery

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.
King of the Mountain Report
23rd and 24th July, Pomona

Congratulations to all the Amamoor Razorbacks who ran their hearts out at the King of the Mountain races weekend.

Day 1 was the Prince and Princess of the Mountain race, a hilly tough race over 3.4km that actually climbed part of the Pomona mountain (Mt Cooroora) before looping back to the start. All students did an amazing job and finished strong on the day. Bailey picked up a 2nd in his age group and 8th overall with a gutsy 20:33 minutes.

Day 2 was the Primary School Relays with 4 x 700m through the centre of town and we had 3 teams representing Amamoor.

Boys - Bailey, Sam, Ben and Oliver
Girls - Jess, Summer, Miranda and Shellby
Mixed - Jarrah, Gracie, Jackson and Reece

All teams finished well up in the middle of the pack, which is an amazing result considering we are competing against much much larger schools (we even beat a few local Gympie schools). Average times for the boys’ team were an astonishing 2:38 minutes for 700m and 2:53 for 700m for the girls and mixed teams. That’s really fast!

Thank you to all the kids who have committed to training over the last two terms. Your hard work definitely paid off. You really shone on the day and everyone has improved out of sight this year. Congratulations!

Run Training
8:00am-9:00am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Everyone welcome!
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday
Prep-1-2 Writing Time

In Prep-1-2 we have started a special time each morning for daily writing practice. The children have enjoyed writing on a wide range of topics of their own choice and there has been a variety of writing produced including retells, stories, factual reports and even poetry. Ask your child what they wrote about today!

Once upon a time there was a palaeontologist. He liked to study dinosaurs and his favourite dinosaur was Spinosaurus. He studied it for a long time.
(Jarvis)

Ruby the red back is my name
Spinning webs is my game
You will find me in my web
Drinking something that is red
(Peppa)

I love my pom-pom and I like Taryn working with us and my mum is coming to school tomorrow.
(Mya)

I went camping and we had a fire. It was cold at camping.
(Chelsea)

I am driving a digger to dig a big hole.
(Jaxson)

I will fly a kite on a windy day.
(Sara)
The lap-a-thon on Friday the 29th of July was a great success, with many parents joining the kids in a fun morning out to raise money for the school camp. All sponsorship forms and money must be in by this Friday 5th August.

Every family should have received copies of the Muster roster last week. It is very important that every family helps fill a shift. If you have work commitments and really can’t work over those 4 days, please find a family member or friend to fill a shift. This is the school’s major fundraiser, raising $6,500 for the school. These funds go directly to fund equipment for the children, the books given to them at the end of the year, swimming classes in term 4, and funds many excursions and resources given to the children throughout the year. If we are not able to fill these shifts, we will not be able to fulfill our contract with the Muster committee and as a result lose it. Parents will then have to start paying for every activity or resource the children need throughout the year; and with only around 30 families in the school, that is a lot of money to for each family to have to replace. So please, give Sarah a call on 0458 021 601 or 5484 3311 and see how you can help out, it really is a lot of fun.

The P&C also man the Mary Valley Show gates every year, earning a percentage of the gates takings as a result. If you would like to help, you can contact Cathy on 0487 051 075. The kids will be entering in some artworks and other items from their classwork, but they can also enter items they produce at home, including cooking. Wouldn’t it be lovely for grandparents, parents and kids to all enter plants/cooking/craft into the show, with all going to the show with the excited anticipation of seeing who has won what! The show is being held on Saturday 20th August, and the program and entry forms can be found at...


It is great to see that the tuckshop has been gradually increasing its total orders each week. Melina sent home some new bags last Friday, which have the menu printed on them, making the ordering process a lot easier for parents. More bags can be ordered from the tuckshop. It is a big change to remember to have tuckshop orders in on the Thursday, but it is worth it as it helps us provide the freshest food to the children with minimal waste. The tuckshop will be open on a Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9am, so parents can get the orders in and get change if required. Melina will even have the kettle boiled if you want to grab a cuppa on the go and she will also have breakfast snacks available for both adults and kids.

There is a date claimer for the Bush Dance in September. Please save the 10th of September for a fun night out with the family. The kids will be starting dance practice in the next few weeks.

The garden art project requires hundreds more bottle caps, or other plastic items which can be re-purposed into the artwork, so please keep collecting them and send them into school with your child.

We are still looking for someone to step up and take on the role of Treasurer for the P&C. The person who takes on the role does not have to have experience in this type of position, as they will be supported by the past two friendly treasurers if required.

The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 16th August, 2016. We hope to see you there.

Cathy Forsdike
P & C President
0487 051 075

…..more P&C news over the page
From the Principal

Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2016 Annual Implementation Plan)-
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

......more P&C news below

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday, 16th August, @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome (including children). Hope to see you there!

2016 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

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

**UNIFORM CONVENOR**
Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**
Melina Larner 0402 755 102

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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)

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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

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LAP-A-THON
FANCY DRESS WINNERS

Prep/1/2 - Boy    Jake “Pirate”

Prep/1/2 - Girl   Calypso “Dinosaur”

3/4 class - Boy   Maverick “Fire Chief”

3/4 class - Girl  Ariella “Mad Hatter”

5/6 class - Boy   Jarrah “Teddy Bear”

5/6 class - Girl  Tyleigh “Crazy Hair Funky Chinese Lady”

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TUCKSHOP............... Mondays

BREAKFAST CLUB........ Tuesdays

PLAYGROUP (9-11am)....... Tuesday mornings

TUCKSHOP ORDERS DUE.. Thursdays

SCHOOL BANKING........ Fridays (please place bank deposit books in office mailbox)

SCHOOL PARADE....... Fridays @ 2:30pm
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**AMAMOOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EVENT!**

**BUSH DANCE**

to raise funds for Amamoor State School P&C

Saturday 10th Sept 2016
at the AMAMOOR HALL

35 Busby St, Amamoor Q 4570

**LUCKY DOOR & BEST DRESSED PRIZES**

**MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE**

$2 A TICKET

Delicious SUPPER included off admission price.

Softdrinks & Chips available for purchase.

**GREAT CAKE & LIVE MUSIC**

All dances will be taught on the night including some well known favourites

with Dance Callers to pipe group bush dancers.

**AMAMOOR FUNDRAISER EVENT!**

**PRESENTS**

**Aussie Poetry & Pudding**

Friday 19th August from 6:00pm

Poetry Night, featuring
- Winners of the Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry Competition
- Ian Mackay, Ironbark O’Neill, Jack Wright and others
- BBQ and sticky date pudding

The Choo Choo Bar, Dagun Station, Dagun
Free entry
Food and drinks available for purchase from 6pm
Poetry starts 6:30pm
https://www.facebook.com/ChooChooBarDagunQLD/