This morning it was fantastic to see so many parents and community members here at Amamoor State School to participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony and official ‘ANZAC Memorial Orchard’ opening. If you were there I am sure you would agree the students did a fantastic job both as part of the ceremony and as audience members.

This is another example of the amazing support the P&C provides our school as we endeavour to not only develop the minds of our students but their hearts as well. On behalf of the school community I would like to say a huge thank you to Donna, Cathy and all of the parents and community volunteers that have ensured the grant money has been turned into something that we are extremely proud of. Thank you also to Cr Julie Walker, Pvt Joel Edwards (Ret), Pastor Brendan Edwards and Lloyd Robins for participating in our ceremony today.

Daily Rapid Reading started just over 2 weeks ago and already we are seeing improvements in our 30 students that are participating in the program. Students are reading and testing their sight words for 15 minutes every day. Jaydon, Cody and Riley have all learnt over 200 more sight words in this time and Bryson has jumped 3 reading levels!!

Please remember we are always looking for assistance in the classrooms, preparing resources, maintaining gardens etc. If you are willing to help please let me know.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Adam Montgomery
I am one of fourteen convict children who were sent from England to Australia on the First Fleet on 13th May, 1787. Prior to arriving at Port Jackson, Australia, I was arrested in England for the crime of stealing and was sent to prison at Newgate Prison for three months. Bailey

Whilst I was in prison it was cold and gloomy. I had no view of the outside world. I had not had much vitamin C, so I was scared of getting scurvy. The water was foul and all we got to eat was the crusts off bread. Jackson

I do not know why I went to prison. There were sick rats that cause disease. We would meet new people and many of them died or got sick. It was so horrible. Emily

It was stuffy and crowded in the dungeons. It was windy at night and I was freezing. Cassie

Our long journey began on a ship called the Charlotte. We didn’t get much food or water and we couldn’t go on to the desk to get fresh air. Cheyanne

When we rounded the Cape of Good Hope (more like the Cape of No Hope) we ran into a large tropical hurricane. Luckily we survived. Ben

Eight months later we arrived in Botany Bay. When I arrived at Botany Bay it was midnight. I was frightened. When I got off the ship I got pushed and shoved and I tripped over. I got given water with worms in it and mouldy bread. It was awful at first at Botany Bay. Jenifer

After arriving in Australia, I was soon to put to work on Mr Owen’s farm. I broke a few rules. Mr Owen said things like, “Caught you, you little ragamuffin!” Life is very dull, being alone on the farm. Malique

I don’t have many friends, only a goat named Billy. My job on the farm was shearing the sheep. It was hot. I didn’t get much water. I had to work six hours a day. Sam

I was put to work as a serving girl. It was a lot of work and I hated it. I worked for a lady called Mrs Owen. She is very mean but I guess I am lucky. Some people would have even worse jobs. If only I had not committed a crime! Miranda

When the term of my sentence was finished. I went to a bar and saw a glowing girl. She was blonde. My heart stopped beating for a second. We got married, with a family of eight and I was very happy. Zaidyn
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday
Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

Mary River Festival: We will be having a stand at this year's Mary River Festival to promote our wonderful school. The theme of the festival this year is recycling so we will be offering people a chance to recycle their coffee cups by filling it with a free plant. The students have done a fabulous job planting out over 400 seedlings which we will give away on the day. If you are able to help out with manning the stall, please let Donna know so we can put together a roster. All you have to do is be there to chat to people and let them know what a great school Amamoor is!

Kitchen Garden: Are you interested in being involved with our kitchen garden? A few weeks ago some interested parents came together to form a steering committee for the garden, to plan and organise planting, student activities and the future of this great asset. If you would like to come on board and be involved, then please speak to either Cathy or Donna R. We'd love to have you involved.

P&C Meeting: Our meeting day and time has changed! The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th November at 3.30pm in the Music room. We look forward to you joining us for our last meeting of the year!

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TUCKSHOP CONVENOR
Donna Oxley

Chappy’s Chat......

As we approach the end of the school year, this becomes a time for us to look at what has worked well this year, plan for the holidays, and prepare for what faces us next year. I heard sometime last week that there are only 7 more Monday’s until Christmas, so now that we’ve had another Monday there’s only 6 left, meaning only 4 more Monday’s left at school (Sorry for scaring you parents). I don’t know about you, but I’m wondering where the year has gone, and I haven’t done my Christmas shopping yet... Ooops!

The last two weeks we have been looking at ‘Respecting School Property’ and what that means to us here at Amamoor School. When we think about school property, it’s thinking about what we would like to keep nice for us to be able to use, especially as we draw closer to the end of the year, next year. The way we treat equipment such as sporting or craft supplies shows how much we respect the people who have supplied them and how much we ourselves care about things which are not our own. Do we treat them with care and try our best to not damage them? Or do we leave them lying on the ground where anybody could stand on them? If they were our things and people were treating them the way in which we treat them, how would you feel? Amamoor is a great school and the only way it will stay like that is if we respect the school property and try our best to keep it in the same condition it came to us in.

Let’s all do our best and finish off the year proud of what we have done.

Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you,

Chappy Caitlin
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan)-
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

**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

**ICY CUPS ON SALE EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3pm**
To help raise FUNDS for the grade 6 graduation

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**NEW**

Guitar teacher & singing teacher in the area!

**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 for next year please call Rob to secure your booking.

**SINGING TEACHER**
Annemiek Wilson has been performing/songwriting and has recorded her music and will be available for students to learn how to sing and learn all the secrets of a good performance!

To book your child in for 2016, (after school hour lessons) or for more information.....
Phone 5488 4510

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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)

**TUCKSHOP.............Mondays**
**CAMERA CLUB...............Tuesday lunchtime**
**BREAKFAST CLUB.........Tuesday mornings**
**PLAYGROUP...............Tuesdays 9-11am**
**CRAFT CLUB...............Wed lunchtime**

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**BIG DAY IN**
raising awareness
Thursday 3rd December
10am—2pm

**FREE**
Admission
Entertainment
Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Other culinary delights available for purchase

**HANDS ON WORKSHOPS**
Craft
Garden
Music
Honey
Kitchen

**INFORMATION STANDS**
by Service Providers

**EnvironmentalOrienteering**
Face Painting
Sailing

**VENUE**
Honeybee Farm
20 Hardcopper Rd
Kandanga Qld 4570
Enquiries 0418 758456

Help us beautify our garden spaces!
We are planning on planting a row of plants in our new kitchen garden using plastic bottle/tin lids. We need hundreds of lids in different sizes and colours, all must be plastic. The picture is an example of what can be achieved, isn’t it great! Each class teacher will have a bucket for the lids to be deposited into. Please send lids from yoghurt containers, milk bottles, jex and anything else that has a round plastic lid in with your child each day. Any queries contact Cathryn Frambach on 0418 758 076.
From the Principal

- Camera Club every Tuesday Lunchtime
- Craft Club every Wednesday Lunchtime
- Gardening Club every Friday Lunchtimes