Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome back to term 4! As always it has been extremely busy here at Amamoor State School. We have taken delivery of a brand new chicken tractor (thanks to the Men’s Shed), have had 4 new enrolments for 2017, had 2 student teachers join us (welcome Miss Carrol and Miss Harris) and have welcomed back Mrs Kimber.

Our year 6’s have begun to plan their graduation celebrations and the 5/6 class had a fantastic cooking and gardening lesson on Friday thanks to Rachael, George and Cathy. This is on top of the students working hard in class as we develop their Literacy and Numeracy skills.

**Staffing:** I would like to welcome Mrs Pope to the Amamoor School Community as a permanent staff member. Last week I was informed that Mrs Pope’s transfer had been confirmed and I am thrilled to have a teacher as experienced and skilled as Mrs Pope join our team. As a result I can confirm that the classes for 2017 will be P/1/2 Alexia Broome, 3/4 Julie Kimber, and 5/6 Jocelyn Pope (Mon-Thurs) Adam Montgomery (Fridays).

**Well Done Miss Broome!** The University of the Sunshine Coast has announced that they will be recognising the excellent work of early childhood educators, teachers and administrators who have passed on their expertise by providing professional experiences for USC preservice teachers. These Initial Teacher Education annual awards provide evidence of the educator’s contribution to engagement with professional learning to improve practice. I am very proud to announce that Alex Broome has been nominated for these awards. This is a fantastic achievement and I can’t wait to hear the results when they are announced on the 26th of October.

**Swimming:** Swimming will commence in week 4, 28th October and will be held on Friday mornings. The Mary Valley Small Schools Swimming carnival will be held on the 18th of November. Swimming notes will come home next week. There will be no cost thanks to a Sporting Schools grant that will cover the cost of bus transport and pool entry.

**School Opinion Survey Results:** Yesterday we received our School Opinion Survey results and they are extremely positive (100% Staff, Students and Parent satisfaction in virtually all areas).

This is a real credit to the staff, however I need to acknowledge all of the volunteers and supporters of Amamoor State School. Every day we have numerous volunteers that continue to make Amamoor a fantastic place to learn.

**Student Free Day:** Next Monday, 17th October is a Student Free Day - no School. Staff will be undertaking a range of professional development activities on this day!

Adam Montgomery

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**What’s on:**

**OCTOBER**
- 17 Student Free Day
- 18 P&C Meeting
- 20 Koala Joys Children & Parenting Program starts - 8 wk program
- 21 LOUD Shirt Day
- 21 Fire Ed Incursion for P/1/2 @ 10:30am
- 24—28 Book Fair
- 28 Day for Daniel
- 28 Swimming Wk 1
- 28 World Teachers Day

**NOVEMBER**
- 1st PREP OPEN DAY @ 300pm
- 4 Swimming Wk 2
- 4 Fire Ed Incursion (2nd visit with fire truck) P/1/2 @ 10:30am
- 11 Swimming Wk 3
- 18 Swimming Carnival
- 25 Swimming Wk 5 last
- 29 Prep Transition Day

**Support Services for Students**
- KIDS HELP LINE 1800 551 800
- LIFELINE - 13 11 14

**L O U D S h i r t D a y !**

Friday, 21st October

GOLD COIN DONATION to wear FREE DRESS!

Wear your brightest shirt! i.e. Hawaiian, neon/fluoro, tie dye or were a crazy pattern shirt!

All funds raised from loud shirt day will help to give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children!
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

Where: Amamoor School Library
When: 24th—28th October
Time: 8:00—9:00 am & 3:00—3:45 pm (not Friday pm)

Book Fair ‘Australia! Story Country’ will be starting Monday week. This is a good opportunity for your child/ren to purchase a new book for interest, purchase for a friend or family member or maybe even as a present for Christmas. The students are already buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement for this upcoming event!

What will happen: ‘Book Fair’ will be replacing ‘Book Club’ this term. Children will be able to purchase books from our Book Fair for individual reading as well as choosing a book for their End of Year prize, which will be kindly paid for and donated by the Amamoor State School P & C. (A big THANK YOU to our wonderful P & C.)

The children will be given ‘Wish Lists’ to fill out for their End of Year prize as well as their own personal choice of books. This is a huge help to parents who are unable to make it to our Book Fair.

We sold an enormous amount of books at our last Book Fair which not only showed what a huge interest in reading our children have, it also enabled us to purchase over $300 worth of books for our library at NO COST. Thank you everybody for your ongoing support.

Please tell your family, friends and people in the community about our wonderful Book Fair.

Come along. Everyone is welcome!

Have a wonderful day and...take some time for yourself...READ A BOOK!

Mrs Alford

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you’ll go.
—Dr. Seuss
Well the holidays are over and we are on the downhill run to the end of the year! Where has the time gone?

GARDEN NEWS: The kitchen garden has been firing on all cylinders, with crops being harvested and new crops being planted weekly. A big thank you must go to Rachel F. for taking over the running of the garden while Donna R. is away for the month. Rachel had the kids harvesting garlic, eggplant and herbs and selling it at a stall at the front of the school last Friday afternoon, along with our new calico bags featuring some of the kids artwork. The stall was definitely a success as it raised over $100 for the garden and the kids had a ball playing shop.

The new chicken tractor which was built by the Men’s Shed, was delivered last Wednesday, exciting the children and adults alike. Courtney L. will be bringing along a couple of hens she is donating on Friday and there will be a little ‘welcome to the girls’ and ‘thanks to the men’ ceremony then. Rachel F. will be sending home a note with more garden news so keep your eyes open! And don’t forget to follow our Facebook page so you can see what the kids are up to https://www.facebook.com/AmamoorSSkitchengarden/. The garden always needs more helpers, even if you can only spare 10 minutes at pick up or drop off time to pull a few weeds, it would be greatly appreciated, and the kids just love hanging out with an adult in the garden.

TUCKSHOP NEWS: The new tuckshop menu seemed to be well received, with many children commenting on how much they loved the new items such as the burgers, crumbed chicken and slushies. It is really important that orders are placed on the Thursday (Friday at the latest!) prior to tuckshop, as the shopping is done on the weekend according to the orders which have been collated to ensure there is no wastage and the kids are getting fresh products. Melina really works very hard to provide the kids with a wonderful menu that is healthy and tasty, we all need to help her by getting our orders in on time.

EVENT CANCELLATION: Unfortunately, the Kids Clothes and Toys Market which was to be held on the 15th October has had to be cancelled as only two stall bookings had come in by last week. It was a great idea by the Playgroup families and hopefully there will be other projects that we can all support in the future.

SCARECROW COMPETITION: With the scarecrow competition coming up, Sarah is getting started on the bottle cap mural and making up the scarecrow feature, so it could serve the dual purpose of being displayed on the school entrance and entered as part of the scarecrow festival, and then later returned to the garden for its central role in the mural on the toilet block wall. Requests for help will be coming home soon so please be ready to offer assistance. And don’t forget, the mural project requires hundreds more bottle caps, or other plastic items which can be re-purposed into the artwork, so please keep collecting them, wash them, and send them into school with your child.

YEAR 6 CRAFT: I will be making the signature bears with the year 6 students again this year, and would love some help from other sewers. If you are (or know of) someone who is confident with a sewing machine and a needle and thread and would like to help the kids with their project, please contact me for more info.

Please mark the next P&C meeting, being held on Tuesday 18th October, in your diaries now to ensure we have people to help plan the last terms activities. See you there!
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, 18th October @ 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

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Sarah Boody 0458 021 601

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Alexia Broome 5484 3120

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(Acting) Samantha Robb 5488 4112

**UNIFORM CONVENOR**
Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**
Melina Larner 0402 755 102

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**Chappy’s Chat......**

Welcome back to Term 4! I can’t believe that we’re almost at the end of this year. It’s been one of the best years so far, and it’s definitely not over yet. In the world of Chaplaincy, on October 30 there will be a Community breakfast at Kandanga Hall from 7:30-9:00am to raise funds for the local school chaplains. We are very blessed to welcome two new chaplains into the area and this would be a great opportunity to not only meet them but to connect as a community. This will be promoted throughout the school, so if you have any questions feel free to ask me when you see me around the school.

As the year moves rapidly towards the holidays and Christmas, it can sometimes feel like the days are rushing past us and that time is running out for things to get done. When it feels like that, it’s easy to get caught up in the stress of the season, but I’d like to encourage all of us to slow down during this busy time and to enjoy the little moments that come during this term.

Looking forward to seeing you around the school...

Chappy Caitlin

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**UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS**

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.

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**What’s on @ Amamoor......**

**TUCKSHOP...............** Mondays
**BREAKFAST CLUB.........** Tuesdays
**PLAYGROUP (9-11am).......** Tuesday mornings
**TUCKSHOP ORDERS DUE..** Thursdays
**SCHOOL PARADE........** Fridays @ 2:30pm
**SCHOOL BANKING.........** A volunteer is required to run the school student banking. Please contact Cathy on 0487 051 075.

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**GUITAR TEACHER**

Rob Wilson resides in Amamoor (close to Amamoor School) and is a professional guitarist. Rob has over 25 years experience in performance and has taught previously in New Zealand at Dean Ashley’s school and is currently holding lessons at a Gympie Primary 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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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

**MESSAGE TO PARENTS - PAYING STUDENT INVOICES VIA BPAY/BPOINT**

When paying student invoices via BPay or BPoint please remember to *pay each child separately using their ‘unique’ student ID reference on the invoice* - BPoint can be located on the bottom left hand side of the invoice and BPay on the lower right hand side. This will help ‘match’ your payments to each child’s invoice.

Thank you in advance, Lisa (Admin)
From the Principal
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LoST PRoPerty
Has your child lost something...?
Parents please check the lost property box regularly to locate any lost clothing, hats, lunchboxes, water bottles etc. at the front of B block.
Handy tip... please name ALL clothing/lunchboxes so it is easy for children and staff to find the owners!! Thank you 😊

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
Proceeds to Local School Chaplaincy
Come for an "all you can eat" cooked breakfast with your local community
Date: Sunday 20th October 0915
Where: Esenda Public Hall
Serving from: 7:30am-9am
Bring $5 for a donation toward our local school Chaplaincy Program.

Blackboard Night
Saturday 22nd October
Dagun Station from 6:00pm
Put your name on the blackboard when you arrive
Maximum 15 minutes per set
Solo acts, groups, all welcome
Special requirements? Call Darren 0447658681
Food, Beer, Wine, Spirits
Free Entry

JONES HILL STATE SCHOOL
Community Fete
Saturday 29th October 10am
Gympie Civic Centre
Limited tickets available on the door now RUSHFESTIVAL.COM.AU
FREE ENTRY
Lucky gate prize

Jones Hill State School Community Fete

Friday 14 October 2016
4pm to 8pm
Heilbron Road Entrance

Country music singer-songwriter and Golden Guitar award winner Amber Lawrence
laser light show • show rides • food • stalls • multi-draw raffle • entertainment • horse and carriage ride • pony rides