Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome to the final newsletter for term 3.

School Camp: We had a great 3 days on camp last week and I know that I certainly had no trouble falling asleep on the Wednesday night. I want to thank the P&C for their financial support, Lisa for her organisation and Chappy, Mrs Pope and Mrs Cooper for their boundless energy throughout the 3 days. I also need to recognise the incredible attitude and behaviour of all the students, they all made me incredibly proud.

Bush Dance: Congratulations to our school P&C for providing yet another wonderful community event full of fun and dance! A special mention to the Cleary family for all their hard work in organising/running this event. Thank you to the families, community members & sponsors who were involved. Your hard work is appreciated by our school.

Disability review underway: Parents, carers and students are invited to participate in the independent review into the educational provision for students with disability in Queensland state schools. The review is aimed at ensuring world-class inclusive education is available to all students. Have your say through the online survey (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/disability/qld-disability-review.html) before 30 September.

Focus on improving quad bike safety awareness: The increasing popularity of quad bikes for recreational and work use has sparked a key initiative by the Queensland Government. The Ride Ready campaign (https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/rideready/ride-ready) has been developed to raise awareness of the risks associated with quad bikes and improve rider safety.

Queensland has consistently recorded the highest number of quad bike related hospitalisations compared to other states. By providing resources and tools to improve quad bike safety, Ride Ready aims to reduce the growing rate of serious injuries and fatalities, particularly for children under the age of 16. Further information about quad bike safety is also available on the Creating Healthier Workplaces website (http://education.qld.gov.au/health/safety/hazards/driver-vehicle-safety.html).

Free advice and support for Queensland parents: Not every parent may need support, but it is ok to ask for help. Since the Triple P Parenting program started last year, more than 20,000 Queensland families have received free parenting advice and a helping hand. The Triple P Parenting program provides tips on managing kids’ behaviour, balancing work and family and the best ways of raising happy, confident children.

Research shows that children raised in a calm, consistent and positive home environment are more likely to succeed at school, have better jobs, experience more positive relationships and enjoy better mental and physical health. Parents who do Triple P are also more likely to have lower levels of depression, anxiety and stress, so there are plenty of good reasons for parents to learn more about the benefits of positively parenting their children.

The range of support includes an online program, topic-specific seminars, parent discussion groups and one-on-one consultations as well as more intensive, small group-based and individual programs. For more information about the Triple P programs or to find a session near you, visit the Triple P website (http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/). Immediate Triple P help is available by phoning Parentline on 1300 30 1300 (from 8 am to 10 pm) for the cost of a local call.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday and I look forward to seeing all the students back ready to learn in term 4.

Adam Montgomery
Prep-2 Excursion to Coolum Beach

Thank you Amamoor P&C for funding our adventure
Week 10 at Playgroup

What a great term we’ve had for our last week at Playgroup this term and what a wonderful day we all had. This week we counted to 10 with our coin craft, sang some wonderful action songs, visited our school garden to pick and taste strawberries, hammered into some fruit and veg with golf tees, learnt how magnets work, went fishing, threw balls into hoops, played soccer with footballs, played with蔬菜, created some flower paintings and played on our water wall. We were all very busy learning through play and finished our day off with an ice-cream.”

Above are most of our playgroup kids enjoying a great ice-cream activity.

This term we’ve all been very busy learning about farm animals, colours, shapes and wow, you should hear us count to 10. We have milked cows, learnt and played with vegetables, chocolate and much, much more. A BIG TEAM WORK together to make playgroups so much fun and the wonderfull group of mums, dads, grandparents and carers for their ongoing support.

From the Principal

Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure
Every Student is Learning Everyday
Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

P&C News

Well I hope all the fathers enjoyed their special day, and that the fathers who had a special muffin decorated by their special little people thoroughly enjoyed them, I know my husband did!

The kids came back from camp full of stories of the great adventures they had. We are so lucky that we have such an active P&C to provide the financial support which allowed the children to have such a wonderful experience.

The ‘Bush Dance’ was a great success, with over 140 people of all ages coming to dance the night away. The light supper provided by the families was a great banquet, with many community members commenting on what a wonderful spread it was. The heavy rain that graced our region that night didn’t dampen the mood, but encouraged people to stay and enjoy the dance for longer. It was so lovely to see almost everybody up on the floor for most of the night.

A special thank you must go to the band ‘Grey Cats’ and the multitude of sponsors being: Amamoor Mechanical, Mary Valley Timbers, The Ginger Factory, Garden Ware, BOS Rural Supplies, Nails & Hair by Emma, Hair Studio 73, Kandanga Country Meats, Bunnings Warehouse, Good Price Pharmacy, Tom Grady Rural Merchandise, The Blue & White Teapot Café, Mary Valley Traders, Red Earth Farmers, Amamoor General Store, Mooloo Mountain Produce, Nikki Hadfield from Norwex and the Edwards family who supported the event by donating raffle prizes. This event would not have been possible without Diane Cleary and her family organising, running, and cleaning up after the event; thank you guys. There were a couple of plates left at the hall, which can be collected from the office, and a couple of clothing items left behind, which Diane is looking after.

There is a new tuckshop menu being released today for Term 4. After asking the children for their suggestions for changes, Melina has decided to offer an extra 10 items, so sit down with your kids and check out the wonderful new menu tonight. **If you want your child to have tuckshop for the first week of Term 4, don’t forget to place their orders tomorrow, Thursday the 15th September.** Melina will be in the tuckshop if you need change or to purchase bags.

There is going to be a **Kids Clothes and Toys Market on the 15th October,** run by the playgroup families. They plan to have a cake stall, sausage sizzle, face painting and jumping castle along with private stalls and a school stall (donations or stall enquiries can be made to Bec on 5488 4657). Please get behind this event by helping us spread the word. We are raising money for new playground equipment for the playgroup area, which is desperately needed.

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.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the P&C meeting last night, Tuesday 13th September, as only two P&C members turned up. Please mark the **next meeting being held on Tuesday 18th October** in your diaries now, to ensure we have people to help plan the last terms activities.

We hope to see you there!

**Cathy Forsdike**
**P & C President**
**0487 051 075**
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......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;

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**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)

[Image of a library and book fair]

What another exciting term we have had with a huge variety of new books coming in and being borrowed from our library. It has been lovely being involved with the enthusiasm of Amamoor students throughout the school asking for books to be purchased for them to read as well as the huge volume of books which are borrowed out each week. The playgroup children have also been borrowing books which is so great to see. A big thank you to Mr Montgomery for ALL (and there has been a lot) of new books in our library this year, helping support your child’s growth with reading.

Also I would like to say a HUGE BIG THANKYOU to Mr Anderson who has been busily making us some fantastic new book boxes for our library. He has put in a huge effort along with the wonderful helpers we have had painting happily away. These great book boxes will make it much easier to access reading books for the littlies. I am so very excited about them....Yeah. Please come and have a look, they are just wonderful. Can you tell? I am really excited. 😃

Thank you also to all the helpers we have helping in our library and with our school reading program. Your help and support is invaluable and very, very much appreciated.

Thank You

Next term we will be hosting another Book Fair ‘Australia! Story Country’ which runs into ‘National Reading Month’ and it is also a good chance for your child/ren to purchase a new book for interest or maybe a present for Christmas. The buzz around our last Book Fair was exhilarating and children are already asking with great enthusiasm if and when we are having another one. YES we are. It will be commencing on Monday October 24th. Please tell your family, friends and people in the community about our Book Fair. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you here.

Watch this space for more information after the holidays.

Have a wonderful safe holiday and don’t forget....take some time to...READ A BOOK!

Mrs Alford
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GYMPIE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer Council QLD is delighted to offer a morning tea so that people living with cancer can connect with others in a similar situation. If you are living with a cancer diagnosis or caring for someone with cancer you are very welcome to join us.

WHEN: Tuesday, 27th September, 2016
TIME: 10:00 - 11:30am
WHERE: Yah’Ning Place, Shop 2/107 Mary St, Gympie
RSVP: 23/09/2016

Email: maroochydore@cancerqld.org.au or Phone: 13 11 20 or 5451 6000

SPEAKERS: Clare Howard, Community Support Co-Ord, Cancer Council Qld

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something.....?

Parents please check the lost property box, located at the front of B block. The box is overflowing with various items such as clothing, hats, lunchboxes, drink bottles etc. Any items remaining after 3:00pm on Friday, 16th September will be washed and donated to charity.

Remember to ask your child/ren to check the lost property box regularly!

Handy tip...please name ALL clothing/lunchboxes so it is easy for children and staff to find the owners!!

Thank you 😊

INJURED/ILL BIRDS

Now that spring has arrived birds are starting to nest.

If you find a bird that is sick or injured please contact Denise Sterling on 0418 728 233 (licenced wildlife carer).

If no answer please send a text message.

Parenting Program Engaging Children

The Kaila Jayees Children and Parenting Program focuses on empowering parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments. Early years' brain development, emotional and social development, child development knowledge, early literacy and early number understandings are shared during the program.

Join us weekly to nurture your child's early childhood education in a safe, supportive and interactive environment. Share parents and children learn and have fun together.

To register your interest or enquire for more information, please contact us on 1300 114 907 or visit: www.butterflytag.com.au

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Drumming Workshops!

with Simon Okoth from Samoko Grooves

Commencing Thurs October 6 @ 3.20pm, Kandanga State School

Cost: $5/session
Running every Thursday for 6 weeks culminating in a performance for the Mary River Festival on November 12, Kandanga

Children and their families are invited to take part sharing culture, learning some drumming skills and connecting to the Mary River Festival. Please bring your drum if you have one! Phone register interest to Lesa on 0428 193 165

JAMES NASH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS, TEACHERS & FAMILIES

Thursday 8 September at 3.30 – 5.00pm
Year 6 Parent Information Afternoon at I Block
Opportunity to find out about what James Nash SHS has to offer, ask questions and assistance with the enrolment process.

Friday 16 September by 4pm
Enrolment forms are due to the Administration Office. Please ensure the type of differentiated class expression of interest is completed on the front of the booklet.

Tuesday 18 October beginning at 3.30pm
Interviews for Programs of Excellence, including Extension Plus, Extension, Extension STEM as well as the Academy of Creative Arts auditions. Learning Support interviews will also take place. Relevant students & their families will be contacted with details.

Monday 28 November from 9.30am to 2.30pm
Year 6 students who are enrolled to attend James Nash in 2017 are invited to attend an Orientation Day. Further information will be shared with primary schools at a later date.

For more information please call the school on 54806333.