Welcome back to term 4. This term promises to be just as busy with School swimming and swimming carnival, ANZAC Memorial Orchard opening, school concert, report cards, year 6 graduation, Questacon science visit, gardening, cooking and many other activities here at Amamoor State School.

Even with all of this, the staff will continue to focus on improving the students’ literacy and numeracy skills, try and get as many of our students into the Upper two Bands (U2B) and maintain a 95% student attendance record.

As you know our focus has been on reading this year, this continues with $4500 spent on new readers and the creation of the Daily Rapid Reading program. Starting next week, 30 students will read to a teacher aide, teacher, chaplain or a parent volunteer every day for 15 minutes. We will be tracking student progress and if this is successful then the program will be extended to more students in 2016. If you think you or someone you know might be able to assist, please let me know.

We have some new faces at Amamoor School. Emily Blunsum has joined Ms Broome’s class in year 4 and we have 4 pre-service teachers from the University of the Sunshine Coast; Cindy Berry and Michelle Walker (2/3/4), Grace Smith (P/1/2) and Jo-Maree Stokes (5/6). It is a real pleasure to welcome Emily and the pre-service teachers to the Amamoor State School community.

This Friday the P&C will be hosting a BBQ starting at 5.30 pm. There will be a jumping castle for the children and all members of the Amamoor State School Community are welcome. While you are here you could check out the new ANZAC Memorial Orchard. Last Friday the students planted 12 fruit trees and we will be having the official opening on Wednesday November 11. I have to thank Cathy and Donna, the P&C and Kieran for all of their hard work in bringing this project together. It really is going to be a fantastic asset for the students.

On Saturday our Music Teacher, Mrs Meads will be at Nelson Reserve at 5:00pm. The students have been practicing to be part of a “flash mob” to perform the song ‘Gold’. We have more info at school if your child is interested.

We are now starting to look at our class structure for next year. With predicted enrolments I am really pleased to announce that we will have 3 small classes of the same size P/1/2 - 18 Students (Alex Broome), 3/4 - 17 Students (Julie Kimber), 5/6 – 19 students (Adam Montgomery). Of course these are predicted and will continue to be revised.

Don’t forget…this Friday we will be celebrating ‘LOUD SHIRT’ Day. Come to school dressed in your most colourful, bright ‘loud’ shirt and bring along your gold coin donation. Funds collected will provide life changing services to deaf babies and children and their families. I look forward to seeing everyone in their ‘loud’ shirt!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Adam Montgomery
This term the Year 5-6 class will be participating in the S4 Project.

The project is run by Paluma Environmental Education Centre (PEEC) and Merinda State School. Students will participate in hands-on lessons in the classroom and will engage in an online class. Here students will watch other small schools conduct lessons. Students are then able to converse with other students about the lesson. We will also conduct our own online lesson!

Our first lesson was to explore the forces of amusement park rides and attractions. We will be participating in activities involving drinking straws and sticky notes!

**Areas covered:**

**Forces:** contact/ non-contact, gravity & magnetism

**Light:** Transmissions, reflections and refractions.

**Energy Sources.**

**Electrical circuits:** open/ closed and conductors and insulators.

**Heat conductors.**

**Applying physics.**
Thank You Volunteers: This Friday evening the P&C will host a ‘Thank You BBQ’ for our fantastic band of volunteers. However, if you’ve ever considered helping out with P&C events then we’d love you to come along and join us and find out more about ways you can become involved. This is a family evening and there will be a jumping castle for the kids so please come and join us. BBQ begins at 5:30pm. BYO drinks and bring a plate of salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP asap for catering purposes to Donna 0447 301 392.

Anzac Memorial Orchard: Our memorial project is almost complete and we will hold our official opening on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November at 9am. This is a community event so please feel free to bring family and friends. Morning tea will be served after a short service.

Kitchen Garden Steering Committee: If you are interested in being involved in our wonderful kitchen garden, then we welcome you to be a part of our steering committee. A dedicated band of gardening parents have already volunteered to be involved in the planning and maintenance of the garden and we welcome anyone else who would like to be involved. If you’re interested, please join us for our first meeting at the Blue and White Teapot this Friday at 1:00pm.

P&C Meeting: Don’t forget that our P&C meeting for this term will be held on Friday, 6th November at 8.30am in the Music room. This change of timeslot is on a trial basis, so if you’ve been unable to come to meetings due to the time, please make the effort to come join us for our morning meetings so that we can gauge interest.

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Help us beautify our garden spaces!

We are planning on building a mural on a wall in our new kitchen garden using plastic bottle/jar lids. We need hundreds of lids in different sizes and colours, all must be plastic. The picture is just an example of what can be achieved, isn’t it great? Each classroom will have a bucket for the lids to be deposited into. Please send lids from yoghurt containers, milk bottles, jars and anything else that has a round plastic lid in with your child each day. Any queries contact Cathy Forsdike on 0487 051 075.
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan):

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

Chappy’s Chat…….

We’re on the home stretch of this year, where has the time gone? So much has happened and we’re only 8 weeks away from the end of the year! I am very excited to announce that towards the end of this term, we will be having a games day with the Chaplain from Kandanga State School. This will be a fun day, preparing for the Summer Holidays. For our year 6’s this is a time of enjoyment before preparing to head to High School, and to make this period in their lives a little more special, SU Queensland is having a camp just for year 6’s in the holidays. If you want more information, please feel free to talk with me.

The focus for this week at school is doing homework. Just because it is getting to the end of the year doesn’t mean we can stop doing work. We need to put our best efforts in so we know that we have finished the year on a high and we can start back next year proud of where we finished. Parents, I want to encourage you as you work with your children to help them do their best. Homework is about consolidating what we know, and about doing our best.

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
**Flash Mob**

As part of this year’s Gold Rush celebrations, children in years Prep-6 are invited to participate in a flash mob. A flash mob is a planned, but surprise performance that happens in a public place as a form of entertainment, sometimes with a specific purpose. The purpose of this flash mob is to highlight and showcase music education in schools, especially in the Gympie region. Children who participate will perform the Music Count Us In song, “Gold” which they are currently learning in their music lessons. The performance will occur during the free concert that is being organised as part of the Rush Festival. The children will begin singing in the audience and then make their way to in front of the stage where they will continue the song as a massed choir. The more children who participate, the more successful and effective the performance will be.

**WHO:** Children in Prep to year 6 in a Gympie primary school  
**DATE:** Saturday, 17th October, 2015  
**TIME:** 5.00pm  
**WHERE:** Nelson Reserve

If you have any questions about this event, please email dmead12@eq.edu.au

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**Mary Valley Blue Light - Movie Night**

A movie for the whole family  
**PADDINGTON**  
“Teddy Bears Picnic Theme”  
- Bring your Bears  
- Dress as a Bear - Prizes to be won!  
Doors open 6.30 - Movie starts 7.00 pm  
$5 entry - Includes Sausage Sizzle

**Sausage Sizzle**

Kandanga Hall  
16th of October  
Contact: Trish Gabbana on: 5484 3465 for more info.  
Don’t forget  
To dress up  
Like a Bear!

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**18th OCT Gympie’s**  
**SuperCOLOURFUL Obstacleocious!**

HAVE FUN, GET FIT, GET COLOURFUL

**PAVILION SHOWGIRL FUNDRAISER**  
B.Y.O WHITES

**TICKETS**  
$25 ADULTS, $60 FAMILY  
$20 STUDENTS & KIDS UNDER 5 $5

**OBSTACLE FUN AT THE SHOWGROUNDS,**  
LIVE DJ, FOOD AND CONCERT TO END,  
**REGISTRATION**  
**PARKING AVAILABLE**

To buy tickets contact Mikaela on: 0421855749 or at Roma Hair Salon Mary Street  
Follow event on Facebook

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**Visiting GYMPIE…... @ Gympie Town Hall, Caledonian Hill**

**WEDNESDAY, 11th November**  
**5:00—8:00pm**

**Tickets available at the door**  
(operator only)

**Admission:**  
Adult $6,  
Student/Concession $5,  
Family $18  
and student ticket FREE. Children under 5 and student ticket FREE. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Science toys for sale**  
**ENQUIRIES:** 0417 465 028
Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your co-operation in checking your child/ren's hair **tonight**. The school has a responsibility to prevent other students from being affected by head lice. As this is a whole school problem please check your child/ren’s hair and treat if necessary.

It is not unusual for children to have head lice, often transferred from child to child at play. Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases. Having head lice is not a sign of poor hygiene or neglect. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures.

If your child has head lice, it is important that they are treated as soon as possible to reduce discomfort and minimize the risk of passing them on to others. It is also important that every member of the household with lice or lice eggs is treated at the same time. You can obtain further information and assistance from Queensland Health, your local pharmacy or doctor.

**What can you do?**
I seek your co-operation in checking your child/ren’s hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child/ren’s hair.

**How do I treat my child for head lice?**
Please see the attached leaflet *Treating and Controlling Head Lice*, from the Department of Health. This leaflet has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child’s hair you need to inform:
- the school and advise when the treatment has started;
- parents or carers of your child/ren’s friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

Amamoor School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Kind Regards,

Adam Montgomery
Principal
Amamoor State School

14th October, 2015