Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Last weekend the Creative Generation — State Schools Onstage team performed four wonderful shows at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre. In the 12 years since CGEN was created, it has grown from 550 to 1700 performers in Prep to Year 12. I am very proud to say that three of our students Cheyanne, Gracie and Miranda were a part of the performance and had a fantastic time.

As well as being a spectacularly entertaining event for the 8000 people who joined the audience over two days, CGEN is a rewarding and enriching program for teachers and students. It offers participants an unrivalled opportunity to develop their creative potential, meet new friends and take part in a professional arena production.

I congratulate all of the incredible student performers, the dedicated staff and parents who have supported them and our show producer and creative director, Liz Williamson for yet another wonderful production. Whether or not you were able to watch the live show, don’t miss its national broadcast on Network Ten on Saturday 15 October at 1.30 pm.

School Opinion Surveys
Every year the students, staff and parents of state schools in Queensland are surveyed online to give a snapshot of the perceptions of each school community week I have been handing out school opinion surveys for parents to complete. Could I please encourage you to go online and complete the survey. If you haven’t received yours please contact the office.

School Camp
This year our school camp will be held at Luther Heights in Coolum from 5 – 7 September. Students in P-2 will attend for the day and students in year 4-6 will stay for the 2 nights. The school will contribute $1000 and the P&C $4000 to subsidise the costs. At this stage the cost will be $130 for students in year 4-6 and free for students in P-2. Any student in 3-6 that doesn’t want to attend the full camp will be able to go to the first day free of charge.

Tuckshop
A huge thank you to Melina Larner who has taken on the tuckshop convenors role. Please remember to have your tuckshop orders in by Thursday the week before.

Lap-a-thon
Our rescheduled Lap-a-thon will be on Friday 29 July from 9.00 AM. The students (and parents) are encouraged to dress up in costume for a fun morning getting healthy and raising money for our school. All parents and community members are welcome to come and cheer the students on.

King of the Mountain
This weekend we will have an incredible 18 students participating in the Pomona King of the Mountain Running Festival. Miss Broome and the students have all been training extremely hard 3 times a week and we have 3 teams competing in the relay events on Sunday 17 runners competing in the 3.4km individual race on Saturday. Thank you for your efforts Miss Broome. I am looking forward to cheering the runners on this weekend.

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.
What a wonderful start to another great term at playgroup. We have so many little faces at our playgroup mornings now, sharing in a huge variety of fun filled activities. It is so great to see and share in so many play-based learning experiences. This week we had a lot of noisy fun on the new music walls (see below), we planted, named, counted and learnt the names of vegetables in our vegetable trays, made some glamorous cows to go with our scarecrows as well as many other activities. What the children loved the most was milking. Yes we filled up some gloves with milk and the children learnt how to milk, we even tried to get it into containers (not much success but so much fun!).

This term we are learning about farm animals, we are singing animal songs and rhymes, having a farm visit, doing some cooking, learning some drumming (looking forward to that) and much, much more.

Come along and join the fun: Tuesday mornings........9-11am. Bring: shared snack, $2, hat.

Love to see you here at AMAMOOR PLAYGROUP.... ‘Play and Learn’.... Children 0-4 years old.
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

Paintings for the Mary Valley Art Exhibition
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday
I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday, and came back refreshed and ready for another action packed term! Before I get into the plans for the next couple of weeks I would just like to thank the families who baked for the Election Day Cake Stall, and those that supported the school by having a car boot stall. A big thank you must also go out to Sarah and Chris who organized the garage sale and to Di- ane, Ann and Lee Cleary who helped me run the cake stall. Together, we raised $1,405.30 which will go directly to fund the school camp, which goes a long way towards our target of $4000.

We are starting off Term 3 with the Mary Valley Sports Carnival which is on today and Friday. I hope to see a lot of you at Imbil on Friday, cheering on the kids and having a great day out.

We want to wish the Amamoor Razorbacks (our running club led by Alex Broome) all the very best in their events this weekend at the King of the Mountain Festival in Pomona, we know they will make us proud.

The following Friday, the 29th of July, the Lap-A-Thon will be held on the oval from 9:30 to 10:30am. Why not join the kids in fancy dress and run along for fun! It is also not too late to drum up some last minute sponsors, remember that all funds raised go directly to funding the school camp - the more money the kids raise the less parents will have to pay!

The Muster Committee has been in contact with Sarah in regards to our contract with them, and they are still tweaking the contract slightly. However, Sarah has emailed out the rosters to cover the confirmed duties we have at the Muster this year, so please put your name down on a shift, it really is a fun environment to work in with very little responsibility on the volunteer. And the bonus is not only for the school but also for you, as you can get a days ticket into the Muster (saving you between $95 - $130) for one shift and a $5 donation. Sadly we have only had a couple families contact Sarah to volunteer. We need every family to pitch in as this is the main fundraiser for our school, as it raises $6,500 for the kids, and we don’t want to lose this contract. If you really can’t work, perhaps you can find a Grandparent, Aunty, Uncle or other relative to step in on your behalf. You can contact Sarah by email at sarah.boody@live.com.

The P&C wants to offer a warm welcome to Melina who has stepped forward to take on the role of tuckshop convener. Remember, to ensure the children are served the freshest food and to eliminate waste, we are now asking all families to have their tuckshop orders in by Thursday. The orders can be dropped into the red box in the office any day of the week up until the Thursday prior to tuckshop.

We also have 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.

We also require someone to take on the role of banking coordinator. The role requires someone to collect the bank books from the office, to enter the deposits online via a computer at school, and then deposit the money at the Amamoor Store or other banking venue. If this role is not filled in the next week banking will be cancelled.

The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 16th August, 2016. We hope to 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, 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
Donna Oxley

Don’t forget BOOKCLUB is due this FRIDAY! 
There is a fantastic assortment of wonderful books in the new catalogue which has been sent home. Don’t miss out. Reading has never been more fun!

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

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)

TUCKSHOP................. Mondays
BREAKFAST CLUB........ Tuesdays
PLAYGROUP (9-11am)....Tuesday mornings
SCHOOL BANKING........ Fridays (please place bank deposit books in office mailbox)
SCHOOL PARADE........ Fridays @ 2:30pm