Thank you very much for taking the time to read our final newsletter for term one. This week I had the pleasure of taking our year 6 students to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day. The Amamoor students formed a combined team with students from One Mile State School and participated in a number of challenges during the day. Scores were allocated according to how well the students went and I am proud to announce that we came third on the day.

Last night we had the Amamoor P&C AGM. I would like to say thank you to the 2015 executive for the fantastic job they did last year. On behalf of the school community we wish to welcome Cathy Forsdike as our President, Sarah Boody as Vice President and Alexia Broome as Secretary. Currently we are chasing a uniform convenor and treasurer. If you can help out please let me know.

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016. At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:
1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Thank you for your support this term,
Adam
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

Leaders of Amamoor State School 2016

Reece, Tyleigh, Gracie, Soli
From the Principal

Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

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RESPECT SCHOOL
After school, children are to move straight to designated seating area and remain seated until an adult arrives to collect them from school.

Chappy’s Chat……

As we approach the end of the term we aren’t slowing down yet. Yesterday saw our students battle it out on the handball courts for a chance to show what they are made of for the finals next week. The finals will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March and it would be great for parents to come and cheer our students on. They have all improved and I am so proud of the way that they have graciously played whether they have won or lost. We have an amazing group of students here and it would be great to support them.

In the wider chaplaincy scope there are a few fundraising opportunities coming up both in the community and further afield. One of these is the Easter stall at Mary Valley Traders on Easter Saturday. That will be a great stall of produce, homemade gifts and home cooking. One of our bigger fundraisers is coming up on the 28th of May and is called ‘Spinoff’. Unfortunately the government funding does not quite cover wages for my 2 days here, and I need to raise more funds. ‘Spinoff’ is a great way to raise these funds as it can potentially bring in money for a little work. The idea behind ‘Spinoff’ is that teams of between 5 and 10 people register online and go about finding sponsorship from their own friends and family members. Then on Saturday the 28th of May from 3-5pm the team goes to Buderim where they have 1 spin bike and half an hour to ride as fast as they can. The money raised then goes to chaplaincy here at Amamoor and helps to pay wages, provide resources and other items that will make coming to school that much more enjoyable for our students. If you have any questions feel free to come and talk to me at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or to email me at cforw0@eq.edu.au. Enjoy the rest of this term, the holidays and I am looking forward to seeing you back here next term! Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you, Chappy Caitlin

Amamoor
Year 6 students meeting with Caitlin Shadbolt at the Primary Leaders Day in Gympie today 16th March, 2016!
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**P&C News**

We had a great turn out last night for the AGM. Thank you to all who attended and congratulations to our new executive. I am very happy to announce that Cathy Forsdike is our new President and Sarah Boody will be her wing man (woman) as Vice President. I have no doubt that these two very capable ladies will make a formidable team and lead our P&C into yet another productive year. Alex Broome has taken on the job of Secretary but we are still in need of a new Treasurer as Sam Robb is unable to continue in the role. The treasurer position is a vital role but comes with a lot of support, so if you’ve considered getting involved then this is a perfect opportunity.

I’d like to thank everyone for their support over the past 2 years. I’ve had a wonderful time as President and I know that Cathy will do a fantastic job (she does already!!).

See you in the garden!
Donna Rasmussen

**Next P&C Meeting:** Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday 19th April @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome, including children!

**ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL:** Don’t forget we are having a cake stall here at Amamoor School this coming Saturday, 19th March. If you can help by making cakes, slices, biscuits or donate cooking ingredients please feel free to contact Cathy on 0487 051 075.

**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**  
Nikki Hadfield 0407573968

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**  
Donna Oxley

**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.
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- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

From the Principal

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)

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

Mary Valley Pony Club (Imbil)
Come and try day!
Sunday, 20th March - 9:00am @ Imbil Showgrounds
Members and non-members welcome!
Non-members $25.00 / day
Members $15.00 / day
Enquiries: Chris 5488 6831 or 0458 931 918

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

National Reading Month is in May this year. At Amamoor State School we are going to celebrate reading by holding a ‘MONSTER BOOK FAIR’. There will be lots and lots of lovely books for the whole family to come, view and purchase. There will also be lovely little bookmarks, pens, pencils, rubbers etc. All the students at Amamoor have been very involved with reading this year. I even heard one child this week say “I’ve almost read every book in the library!” Yes the children are all excitedly reading the huge variety of books we have in our school. They are also showing great enthusiasm at our up and coming Book Fair.
We will also be having a hat parade to coincide with Book Fair. The children are already very excited and busily planning what type of hat they want to make. More information will be sent home after the holidays.

Thank you,
Mrs Alford

WANT TO BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION WITH MORE THAN 10 MILLION MEMBERS IN 145 COUNTRIES? THINK GUIDES. IT’S MORE THAN FUN AND ADVENTURE – IT’S ABOUT DEVELOPING SKILLS IN TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP. GIRLS IN GUIDING ACHIEVE GOALS, IMPROVE COMMUNITIES AND GROW IN CONFIDENCE. IT’S ALL ABOUT BEING YOUR BEST!

We meet at Imbil 1st Guide Hut, William Street, Imbil on Monday’s 4.30-6pm and your Qualified Leader for Imbil is Amanda Tombs (Nara). You can contact us at 1300 GIRL GUIDES or go to Girl Guides Australia website at www.girlguides.org.au or come along.

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Girl Guides
Fun, Friends and Adventure
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STREET STALL FOR CHAPLAINS hosted by Trailblazers

Trailblazers are sponsoring a street stall to support the Mary Valley school chaplains

**Easter Saturday**

9am-12 noon outside Mary Valley Traders

Supporters of our chaplains are needed to help with:

- baking ie slice, cake, biscuits (all items to be packaged and labelled with ingredients listed)
- jams, craft, sewing, other saleable items

**Contact Bronwyn on 5488 6038 or Helen on 5484 3143**
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CRAZY HAIR DAY

FRIDAY

18th March

Colour your hair, wear a crazy hat, gel your hair, wear a crazy wig!

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR CRAZY HAIR

FOR THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION

'World's Greatest Shave' - Be Brave & Shave

WEAR FREE DRESS