From the Principal

Amamoor School News

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Last week it was really wonderful to see students from across the Mary Valley here at Amamoor participating in the Bush Poetry Competition. I was blown away by the quality of competition in all ages. We achieved great results:

- Prep: 1st Mya Voller, 2nd Zoe Lawler
- Year 1: 1st Vala Patterson
- Year 2: 2nd Akasha Jones
- Year 3: 3rd William Fitzpatrick
- Year 4: 1st Miranda Robb
- Year 5: 3rd Gracie Robb
- Year 6: 2nd Lucy Edwards, Highly Commended Mikayla Lawler

I would like to thank the P&C for catering on the day, the staff for preparing our competitors, the Mary Valley Lions Club for donating trophies, the judges for and would like to say congratulations to all competitors.

This week our behaviour focus is on **Be Responsible For Your Own Belongings**. At the moment the Lost Property Box is full. Could I ask all parents to remind students to check for their belongings. We are going to empty the box over the school holidays. Please take the time over the holidays to re-name children's clothes, hats, water bottles and lunch boxes.

Next term, on 16 Oct we will be celebrating **LOUD SHIRT DAY**. It will be a gold coin donation to provide life changing services to deaf babies and children and their families. I look forward to seeing everyone in their loud shirt.

As I look back at another fantastic term, I am really encouraged by the amazing progress of students in all classes. We have had a busy term with Poetry Day, parent interviews, Sports Gala Days and a Sustainable Futures excursion all in the last fortnight. I really would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C, parents and community helpers who really help make Amamoor the fantastic, vibrant school it is. The staff have worked tirelessly as we aim to improve in our target areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Upper 2 Bands and Attendance. Thank you to all school community members for a tremendous term and I look forward to seeing all students safely return in term 4.

Thank you again for your continued support.

**Adam Montgomery**
From the Principal

Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

What is the Mystery Substance?

This term the Year 2-3-4 class have been delving into chemistry by exploring materials and their properties. This was the first material the class explored. It turned out to be something called a Polymer Slime and it had some fantastic properties. Plus it was great fun to play with!

Materials required:
- 45 ml vegetable or guar gum, food-grade polymer powder
- 200 ml glycerine — slime liquid
- 60 ml Borax
- 5 ml food colouring
- 2 L water
- 30 ml measuring cup (medicine cup)
- 1 L measuring jug
- 4 L mixing bowl
- Stirring spoon

Method:
Follow the instructions exactly. Mix the ingredients in the correct order and for the required time. First, make some borax solution by adding 2 x 30 ml measures (60 ml) of borax to 500 ml of water. Mix well for two minutes and set aside. In a large, dry container place 1½ x 30 ml measures (45 ml) of the vegetable gum. Add 200 ml of glycerine and mix together for one minute. Add 1.5 L of water and 5 ml of food colouring. Mix thoroughly for two minutes then leave the mixture to thicken for three minutes. Add the borax solution made previously and stir with the spoon for at least two minutes. Mix and knead the mixture vigorously by hand for a further five minutes. The slime is ready when you can lift it out of the container. It should not stick to your hands.
- Playgroup every Tuesday 9-11am
- Tuckshop every Monday
Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

Where on earth has the time gone? It seems as though it was only a few weeks ago we were returning from holidays and here we are about to begin holidays again. Not that I’m complaining mind you. It’s been an incredibly busy term and I’m pretty sure that we’re all well and truly ready for to take a well-earned break. During the holidays work will commence on the construction of our Anzac Memorial Orchard. We’re all very excited to see this finally get off the page and into reality. The official opening will take place on Remembrance Day on 11th November when we will host a Memorial service. No doubt term 4 will be just as action packed as the rest of the year, so be sure to enjoy the holidays, recharge those batteries and we look forward to seeing you all for a fantastic term 4. Stay safe everyone!

Don’t forget that our last P&C meeting for this term is this Friday morning at 8.30 am 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 first morning meeting so that we can gauge interest.

Congratulations and best wishes …. To Chappy Caitlin on her wedding this weekend. We wish her the very best for a wonderful day and a lifetime of happiness.

The Kitchen garden will need some regular watering over the holidays so if you are free to water a day or two please let Donna or Cathy know your availability. Also, please feel free to help yourself to the herbs and silverbeet over the break should you need any.

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2015 Bush Dance Raffle
Prize Donors
Amamoor State School P&C would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations of raffle prizes for our annual Bush Dance.

Amamoor Mechanical Repairs
Gardenware Amamoor
Tom Grady Rural Merchandise Gympie
Mooloo Mountain Produce & Saddlery Gympie
Kandanga Country Meats
Dagun Growers Market
Nestle Gympie
BOS Rural Supplies
Amamoor General Store
Pamela Foley Hairdressing Amamoor
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan):
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

Chappy’s Chat

If so, you may be interested in the Management of Young Children Program (MYCP). This program has been developed by, and is run by, specialist staff from Education Queensland.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?
- TIME...
  You will need to attend the centre twice a week for an hour each time.
- COST...
  FREE
- MAKING AN APPOINTMENT...
  Contact Josh at the GYMPIE MYCP CENTRE on 0408 701 039
  A time will be made to discuss the program with you and answer any questions that you may have.

DO YOU HAVE SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN PREP TO GRADE 2 WHOSE BEHAVIOUR IS DIFFICULT TO MANAGE?

Come and join us 9-11 Every Tuesday
- With a qualified Teacher Aide
- Bring a hat, drink, snack & a gold coin donation
- Heaps of learning & fun to be had

For any enquiries call Amamoor State School on 54011333

Cooloola Community Toy Library
PHONE 0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie  Q  4570
or back street entrance (Opp IGA)

ICY CUPS ON SALE EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3:00PM

To help raise FUNDS for the grade 6 graduation

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Thank you for an amazing term. Next term we will be holding a half day of games with the Kandanga chaplain and myself, in the last two weeks of term. Friends for life will be continuing through next term with the concluding session being the 17th of November. We will be having a party on that day, so a note will be going home early next term in regards to that.

I am also looking at professional development opportunities for next year and would love to have some feedback from students and parents in regards to what you feel I need to do training in for the betterment of the school. I am looking at an option of doing a Value’s course which incorporates values into adventure based learning, and as Garapine is reopening next year, the opportunities to use this type of course become greater. But I would love to hear your opinions on this matter and to receive your feedback in regards to what you believe would benefit the school the most. As I am aware that with the new funding arrangement the government would like P&C’s to be more involved, I would like to say thank you for your support on my role in this school, and for the way you are already actively involved in my role.

Thank you so much and have a great holiday!!

Chappy Caitlin
From the Principal

- Gardening Club every Friday Lunchtimes
- Camera Club every Tuesday Lunchtime
- Craft Club every Wednesday Lunchtime

On the 3, 4, 5 October - the long weekend – the Mary Valley Local Chaplaincy Committee and local community members, are hosting the inaugural ‘Trailblazers’ Horse Ride. This ride goes over the 3 days, taking riders through our beautiful forest areas west of Imbil and up behind Borumba Dam, camping each night at a lovely spot on ‘Glen Idle’.

The proceeds of this ride go towards supporting the chaplain in your school, and for this reason we are encouraging the school community to get behind the venture.

There will be a variety of ways you can help. Currently, we have showers, but are looking for some camping en suites to provide privacy for the showers at the base camp. If you can lend us one, please contact Ken Ward on 0428605393.