Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

It is hard to believe we are now into the second half of term 3! A lot of us are up late at night and early in the morning cheering on all of the fabulous Aussie athletes participating in the Olympic Games in Rio.

Currently, all of the students are extremely busy in their classrooms preparing for the Mary Valley Bush Poetry Competition which will be held here at Amamoor tomorrow morning. It is exciting to see the improvement in the students’ skills and confidence as they practice their poems. All parents and community members are welcome to come along for a morning of Bush Poetry.

**Attendance**

Our priorities this year are Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance and Upper 2 Bands. As you can see our attendance rate has dropped down to 92.2%. Could all parents please ensure they give their child every chance of succeeding by ensuring they attend school every day. Please remember to phone the schools absentee line 5401 1360 if your child is absent from school.

**Staffing**

Mrs Kimber has extended her leave until the beginning of term 4 and Mrs Cooper will be replacing her until then. Mrs Anderson is going on leave for a week commencing this Monday and will be replaced by Rachael Howard. I would like to thank Rachael and Mrs Cooper for helping us to ensure “We are Learning, Working and Growing Together”.

**Camp**

Thank you very much to those families who have returned notes and payment for the school camp. If you are not intending to send your child to camp or if you would like to discuss a payment plan, please let me know. It really looks like it is going to be a fantastic few days and I would like to thank the P&C for their financial support to bring the cost down.

**Gympie District Athletics**

Well done to the students who represented Amamoor State School at the Gympie District Athletic trials last week as this is a fantastic effort to qualify for this next level of competition for athletics. Congratulations to **Miranda** who has been selected to join the Gympie District Athletics team at the upcoming Wide Bay Regional Trials in Kingaroy. Well done and good luck Miranda!

Thank you again to all of the volunteers in the school, we really appreciate your time and effort. Have a safe fortnight and hopefully we will win a few more gold medals over the coming days

Adam Montgomery
I have been well and truly welcomed at Amamoor State School. I have had the pleasure of meeting most parents and other important people. For those of you who have not met me, I am Fiona Cooper relieving Mrs Kimber until the end of term. The year 3 and 4 class have been very busy preparing for the upcoming Poetry Competition!!
We are still looking for volunteers to help at the muster. Unfortunately, only 8 families from the whole school have provided volunteers. Please, please, please help us. We really can’t afford to lose this contract; we really need the money provided by this event. Also, we really don’t want to burn out the few volunteers we have that keep putting their hand up time after time all year round, they are getting a little tired and need some help.

Don’t forget that the Mary Valley show is on this Saturday in Imbil. We will be manning the gates, so say hi to our friendly volunteers when you go in to check out all of the kids wonderful artworks and other show entries and enjoy a great day out. It is also not too late for other community members to enter items into the show pavilion; wouldn’t it be lovely for grandparents, parents and kids to all enter plants/cooking/craft into the show, with all going to the show with the excited anticipation of seeing who has won what! The program and entry forms can be found at [http://www.maryvalleyshow.com.au/uploads/2/1/3/1/21314646/pavilion_schedule_entry_form_2016.pdf](http://www.maryvalleyshow.com.au/uploads/2/1/3/1/21314646/pavilion_schedule_entry_form_2016.pdf).

It is great to see that the tuckshop has been gradually increasing its total orders each week. It is a big change to remember to have tuckshop orders in on the Thursday, but it is worth it as it helps us provide the freshest food to the children with minimal waste. However, don’t despair if you get to Monday morning and realise you forgot to put the kids orders in; Melina will accept orders on Monday morning. Keep in mind though that there may not be sufficient supplies of salad items or other fresh ingredients such as corn or eggs for last minute orders. The tuckshop will be open on a Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9:00am, so parents can get the orders in and get change if required. Melina will even have the kettle boiled if you want to grab a cuppa on the go, and she will also have breakfast snacks available for both adults and kids, all free of charge.

Melina is also planning a ‘special tuckshop’ on Friday 26th August, which is following a Brazilian theme. All costs will be covered by the school. Please look out for the note coming home in the next day or so and return it asap so that correct quantities of ingredients can be ordered.

There is also going to be a Kids Clothes and Toys Market on the 15th October, run by the playgroup families to raise money for new equipment in the playgroup area. 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 enquires can be made to Bec on 5488 4657).

We are getting closer to the Bush Dance in September. Please save the 10th of September for a fun night out with the family. The kids will be having dance practice in the next few weeks.

The garden art project requires hundreds more bottle caps, or other plastic items which can be repurposed into the artwork, so please keep collecting them and send them into school with your child.

Unfortunately, the school banking scheme has had to be cancelled as no one stepped forward to take over from Courtney. The position only requires approximately 40 minutes of a persons time each week, and a computer is provided at the school for completion of the task. Please contact me for more information.

The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 13th September, 2016. We hope to see you there.

Cathy Forsdike
P & C President
0487 051 075
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- Literacy
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......more P&C news below

**Next P&C Meeting:** Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on **Tuesday, 13th September**
@ 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

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(Acting) Samantha Robb 5488 4112

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Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

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**Chappy’s Chat......**

Wow, what a term! I can’t believe that we are only 3 weeks away from camp. This has been such a wonderful term and I am so excited for what the rest of this term holds and for the great way we are going to finish this year. The behavior focus for this week is respecting other people and their views. This is so important for us all to remember. How quick are we to judge other people based on the way they look, treat us or what they hold important. But how do we feel when people don’t respect us or our views? I know from my own experience when I’m quick to judge people I don’t think twice, but I don’t like it when people judge me or don’t respect me. It’s a good reminder to us all to think twice before we treat people a certain way and to make sure that we are respecting not only them as a person but also what they believe in.

Have a fantastic week!
Looking forward to seeing you,

*Chappy Caitlin*

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For any enquiries please feel free to call
Amamoor State School on 5401 1333

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**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
**TUCKSHOP ORDERS DUE..** Thursdays
**SCHOOL PARADE.......** Fridays @ 2:30pm
**SCHOOL BANKING.......** A volunteer is required to run the school student banking.
Please contact Cathy on 0487 051 075.
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MARY VALLEY BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Friday, 2nd September, 2016
6.30pm til 8.30pm
$5 entry - 8 to 15 years old only
High school IDs needed
For more info phone: 5484 3465 or
See website for more info: mvbl.wxw.com.au

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PROPOSED DRUMMING WORKSHOPS...

The Mary River Festival has approached the Kandanga School P&C to do some drumming workshops and performances. If the workshops commence the first week back in Term 4 and run for 6 weeks, it will culminate in a performance at the Mary River Festival on November, 12.

We are trying to gauge numbers and need a minimum of 30 participants. The classes would be after school at Kandanga—maybe run after 3pm for an hour. The cost would be approximately $5.00/class (total of $30.00) depending on numbers!

Please contact the Amamoor School office to register your child/ren’s interest 5401 1333.
(A notice will be sent home if we have the numbers to commence these lessons)
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AMAMOOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EVENT!

BUSH DANCE

Saturday 10th Sept 2016
at the AMAMOOR HALL
35 Busby St, Amamoor Q 4570

LUCKY DOOR & BEST DRESSED PRIZES
MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE $2 A TICKET

Delicious SUPPER included off admission price.
Softdrinks & Chips available for purchase.

Open Call for Live Music
All dances will be taught on the night including some well-known favourites.
With Dance Callers to guide group bush dancers.

SCHOOLS BUSH POETRY WINNERS PERFORM!

The Choo Choo Bar, Dagun Station, Dagun
Free entry
Food and drinks available for purchase from 6pm
Poetry starts 6:30pm
https://www.facebook.com/ChooChooBarDagunQLD/