Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome back to another fortnightly edition of the Amamoor State School Newsletter. I hope all the mums had a fantastic Mother’s Day and loved their handmade presents they received? We have had another busy two weeks with NAPLAN testing, working bee, P&C meeting and Fun Friday activities.

I would like to warmly welcome Arianna (in year 4) and family to Amamoor School along with Caroline Harris, student teacher, completing a four week practical teaching experience in the Prep/1/2 class.

School Photos: Once again Silver Rose will be taking the students portraits and class photos. Please note the date has changed and will now take place on Monday 23rd May. Order forms will be going home today.

Lap-a-thon: The School Lap-a-thon will be held on Friday, 17th June from 9:00 to 11:00am. The money raised will go toward subsidising a school camp and class excursions. Information and sponsorship forms will be sent home next week to give the students plenty of time to gather sponsorship.

Daily–Rapid–Reading: Daily Rapid Reading is a program that was brought in last term to as a strategy to continue students improvement in reading. Our first round of Daily Rapid Reading has concluded after 12 weeks with some really outstanding results. Over half of the students involved improved by 4 reading levels or more and one student improving by a massive 9 reading levels. We have had 31 students participating and another 31 students have started round 2.

The last round involved all students in year 3 and 5 and any student that was below age appropriate level. Right now it is year all of year 2 and year 4 and all students below age appropriate reading level. I can’t thank the volunteers enough, they have made an enormous difference and allowed every student in the program to read to somebody for 15 minutes every day. If you think you might be able to help us with this program, we are short 1 volunteer on a Wednesday for 2 hours. Training is provided and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Book Fair: Our Book Fair runs all next week from 23rd to 27th May. There are competitions and a ‘Hat’ parade next Friday. See inside the newsletter for more details.

Dental Van Visit: The Gympie School Dental Service will be visiting Amamoor School shortly offering free dental check-up appointments to ALL students. Forms have been issued today (1 per family). Please complete the reverse side of the CDBS colour flyer and the Medical History form (if you have more than one child complete the Medical History form for your eldest child). Return both forms to School ASAP and the school dental staff will contact you in due course to arrange a suitable appointment time.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Adam Montgomery

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

Claude Monet inspired ‘Lillies’
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From the Principal

Our School Expectations
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Respect Others
Respect School and Community

I hope all of the mothers enjoyed their very special hand-made Mothers Day gift/s as much as I did? It is so special to receive a hand-made gift from our children. A big thank you must go to Donna Rasmussen for the organisation of this project, along with the other mums who helped her on the day.

It was beautiful weather for the Gympie Show. I hope everyone had the opportunity to check out our wonderful display in the pavilion. A big thanks to Mrs Alford and Mr Montgomery for making/organising it.

The School Working-Bee held on Saturday 7th May saw a lot of work done to the school grounds, including mulching of garden beds at the front of the school and in the fairy garden, pruning around the classrooms and in the fairy gardens and irrigation of the kitchen garden. A huge thank you and congratulations must go out to Mr Montgomery and the seven families that took the time out of their busy schedules to do this important work for the benefit of all the children in the school. If you haven’t had the opportunity to check out the improvements pop up to the fairy garden and kitchen garden on your next drop-off or pick-up...I’m sure your kids would love to show you around!

We are still collecting plastic bottle caps so please remember to wash them and send them into school with your kids. The project will require hundreds of bottle caps and will be a fun project for the kids which will enable them to decorate their learning space.

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Cathy Forsdike, P&C President

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday, 21st June @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome (including children). Hope to see you there!

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May is ‘NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH’!
Monday is a great day to get excited about... Book Fair starts!

What will happen? Each class will have the opportunity to attend the library at an allotted time during Monday class time. This gives the children an opportunity to view the great selection of books, resources and fun items and complete their very own ‘Wish List’ which is a wonderful way to enhance the excitement for student reading.

Classes will attend the library at the following times:

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The library will be opened at the following times for parents, children, friends and community members to come and peruse and purchase some great books and resources.

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If these times do not suit PLEASE come and see me or ring the school (5401 1333) to arrange a time that suits. If you are wishing to purchase books that we have already run out of, that is o.k., we can order them in for you if you wish, no trouble at all.

Looking forward to seeing you all here!

Friday 27th, 1:45pm: As part of National Family Reading Month and Book Fair, children will be involved in a ‘Hat Parade’ and a book reading by Mr Montgomery. Prizes will be presented for students who enter our colouring competition as well as for students who have spent a lot of time reading this month. The children have been very excited about this event, especially about designing their hats for the hat parade.

Let’s support this great school event!

Thank you.......Mrs Alford
From the Principal

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RESPECT SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
Keep our school tidy!
Place rubbish in the bins and pack away equipment used!

PHOTO DAY

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Chappy’s Chat……..

Thank you so much for your support for our free dress day today, we have raised over $70.00. The money raised today will go towards Chaplaincy here and is greatly appreciated. We also have the coffee fundraiser going on at the moment and I would just like to thank all of you who have purchased coffee during this week!

Next Saturday the Spinoff Team will be competing and if you would like to donate you can head to this link and click donate now....


Our behavior expectation this fortnight is “Keep our school tidy”. This not only means putting our rubbish in the bin, but also making sure that all of our things are where they need to be and looking out for each other. How we treat each other makes our school look either neat and tidy, or messy. The language we use also can make our school feel messy. So let’s make sure that we are treating each other in a way that makes the school feel friendly and inviting, and also picking up our rubbish and putting our things away where they belong.

Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you,

Chappy Caitlin

***NOTE CHANGE OF DAY***

NEXT Monday, 23rd May, 2016
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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 PARADES....... Fridays @ 2:30pm
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Have Your Say!

Volunteering, active and healthy lifestyles, local sport and community groups ...
What community issues are most important to you? What role should Council play in improving wellbeing and participation in your community?

Have your say about a Community Development Strategy for the Gympie region.

Community workshops:

Date: Tuesday 24 May 2016
Venue: Curra Country Club, 10 David Drive, Curra
Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2016
Venue: Kandanga Hall, 81 Main Street, Kandanga
Time: 9.30am – 11am

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2016
Venue: Kilkivan Hall, 31 Bligh Street, Kilkivan
Time: 5.30pm – 7pm

Date: Thursday 26 May 2016
Venue: Cooloola Cove Veterans and Community Hall
1 Santa Maria Court, Cooloola Cove
Time: 9.30am – 11am

Date: Thursday 26 May 2016
Venue: Gympie Civic Centre
32 Mellor Street, Gympie
Time: 5.30pm – 7pm

Light refreshments will be served. No bookings required. Everyone is welcome to attend any session: residents, community groups, business owners, services, community leaders. Parents and carers are welcome to bring children as there will be activities at the back of each venue.

For further information, contact Gympie Regional Council’s Community Development Team on 1300 307 800
or via email community@gympie.qld.gov.au.