Welcome to Term 2 at Amamoor State School. The students are back from a well-deserved Easter holiday and are working well. As always our school focus is Literacy, Numeracy, Upper two bands and attendance.

This Thursday we begin an exciting new program called ‘Get Set for Prep’ where we invite children who will be in prep next year into our P-2 class room to work alongside our Prep students. The program runs from 9:00-11:00am every Thursday during the school term and our playgroup room will be open so parents are able to bring siblings as well. Please bring along your ‘sun safe’ hat and water bottle along with a small piece of fruit (cut up if needed) in a named container.

Next Monday the ANZAC Day Service and March will be held at Kandanga starting at 12:00pm. Amamoor School will be marching in the parade and I would like to ask students to come to Kandanga in their full school uniform, along with their hats, to participate. We will begin assembling at 11:30am outside the Kandanga Hall. I hope to see lots of students there!

The Sporting Schools grant has enabled us to have qualified coaches teaching a variety of sports. Last term Mark from Gympie Golf Club taught the students golf. This term we have Ben from Gympie Hockey visiting for 5 Fridays and Matt from Gympie Tennis every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime. In term 4 the sporting schools grant will subsidise our term 4 swimming program.

Well done to every child from Prep to year 6 who participated in the school Cross Country run last term. What an outstanding display of endurance! It was great to see plenty of encouragement for the children from staff and parents. Thank you to parents and the P&C for their support in helping our children achieve their best in running the course and to those who helped on the day to setup/time keep, what a great team effort! A BIG thank you to Miss Broome for her extra time in training our children for this event.

Congratulations to Sam, Miranda, Jackson, Bailey, Oliver, Ben, Zaidyn, Shellby, Gracie, Cheyanne, Reece, Jarrah and Jess who will compete in the Gympie Zone Primary School Cross Country on Tuesday, 3rd May. Cross Country training continues with Miss Broome on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00am. Monday 25/4/16 special time-4:00pm.

Finally, I again would like to thank the P&C and countless volunteers for their amazing contribution to the school. I can assure you it is greatly appreciated by the students and staff.

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

Reflecting on our pet parade...

- Missy: This is my cat Shadow.
- Mackayla: This is my dog Boss.
- Calypso: This is my cat Vala.
- Savannah: This is my guinea pig Snowball.
- Max: This is my dog Boof.
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Cross Country 2016
May is ‘NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH’.

At Amamoor State School we celebrate reading every day. It is fantastic to see how excited and enthusiastic students at Amamoor are with their reading. There are many, many new books in our library at present (thank you Mr Montgomery) with children excitedly asking for books so they can read before they are even shelved. This is so wonderful to see.

To celebrate ‘National Family Reading Month’ at Amamoor, we will be holding a ‘BOOKFAIR’ from the 23rd—27th of May. What a wonderful way to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books, not only for the child but for the whole family.

A great selection of books will be displayed around our library for parents, children, friends and community members to come and peruse and purchase. There will also be a colouring competition and hat parade with prizes given for effort and creativity, for the student who has read the most books and most time spent reading. Think of some ways you may be able to earn and save some pocket money to support this great school event.

Watch this space for more information closer to the date!

Thank you…….Mrs Alford

Chappy’s Chat......

Welcome back to term 2, what a wonderful time of the year. This term holds lots of exciting times ahead of us. We have Anzac day coming up, which is a great opportunity to remember the sacrifice that has been made to allow us to live in this great country. This is a wonderful reminder of the privilege we have as Australian citizens and for the continued sacrifice that our service men and women make for us. Let us all be reminded of the sacrifice that has been made to allow us to continue to live in this lucky country.

Spin-off is also coming up soon and I would love to hear from you if you would like to be a part of our team to raise funds for Chaplaincy here at Amamoor School. Please see me on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays at school or feel free to email me at cfor-w0@eq.edu.au.

Have a wonderful week being reminded of the sacrifice and legacy that we have been left by those who fought for us to live here.

Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you, Chappy Caitlin
I think all would agree that it was lovely to have a break over Easter, but it is also great to be back into the routine of school and work. Term 1 concluded with a very successful Cross Country; it was great seeing the children cheering on their classmates whole heartedly. A huge thank you must go to Ms Alex Broome for preparing the children for the big run and her continued dedication to improving their fitness and stamina.

The cake stall run on the Election Day was also a great success, with the P&C raising just over $300. Unfortunately we ran out of goodies to sell by 10:30am, but hopefully for the next Election in July we will have lots more cakes and other goodies to sell to keep the locals happy. A big thank you must go to Kathy Howard and Dianne Cleary who raised $68 and $58 respectively, from their donations of cakes, slices and biscuits.

Our biggest fundraiser is the Gympie Music Muster, which is held in August. Please start thinking about volunteering with us on the front gates, it really is fun! For one shift you earn yourself a free ticket in to see all the great artists, and perhaps we can raise the money required to air-condition the library.

We need as many people as possible to attend our next working bee on Saturday 7th May at 1pm, so please mark it on your calendar. The afternoon will be finished off with a free sausage sizzle, and everyone is invited to bring a plate to share and cool beverages to re-hydrate with!

It is understood that not everyone can make it to a meeting or participate in school activities due to other commitments, but we really want everyone to feel included, so from now on all families will be emailed the minutes from the P&C meetings and the associated sub-committees. If you ever want to ask questions or query any of the information please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Cathy Forsdike
P&C President

**Next P&C Meeting:** Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on **Tuesday 10th May @ 6:30pm in the school library.** All welcome, including children!

**2016 Amamoor P&C Executive Committee;**

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**Admin Position - Casual Relief**

**Mondays only from 9th May to 20th June, 2016**

Amamoor State School is seeking Expressions of Interest for a casual relief Admin position on Mondays for 7 weeks, 6hrs/wk. Expression of Interest packages will be available from the school office from this **Thursday, 21st April**. One School experience would be an advantage. Applicants must hold a current ‘Working With Children’ Blue Card or able to obtain one through the Commission for Children & Young People & Child Guardian. **Applications close: Friday, 29th April, 2016 - 4:00pm**

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**AMAMOOOR STATE SCHOOL\nLEARN & 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

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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

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**Cooloola Community Toy Library**

PHONE  0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie  4570
or back street entrance (Opp IGA)

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**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**

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**SPIN OFF**

**WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

28th May - 3PM. GOODLIFE CENTRE BUDERIM

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Next Gympie Carers Group Meeting.......  
**Tuesday, 26th April 2016  11:00am – 1:00pm**  
Suncare Community Services - 58 Channon Street, Gympie  
Morning tea provided  New Carers always welcome.  
Click on the links below to go to our website or join our facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/careforcarers  
www.careforcarers.com.au
From the Principal

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Anzac Day 2016

Monday 25th April at Kandanga

This year the Anzac Day service will be held in Kandanga. Local RSL members along with the Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club will be setting up a family friendly display which includes a communication radio tent, blitz radio truck and jeeps. This display will be open all weekend. From late on Friday 22nd April vehicles will be arriving at the Kandanga Country Club. Visiting military personnel will be setting up the site for the weekend. A special children’s tent will be set aside for FREE Commemorative face painting. The site will be open all weekend to the public. The vehicles are all registered to enable the public to ride in them.

Many thanks to the Kandanga Country Club who are allowing the event to be set up on their grounds. The club will be open for meals on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.

The MEMMC will run a sausage sizzle on the Sunday morning for brekkie.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service will commence on Monday 5.30am at the Kandanga Memorial Park followed by the day time parade starting at the Kandanga Mall stepping off at midday. Hope to see you there!