Welcome to Term 3 at Amamoor State School. We have had a fantastic start to the term with so much happening at school. Of course I have to start off by mentioning our big event last week. The gardens were “officially” opened by our favourite gardener, Costa.

Costa spoke passionately to the children for around an hour and then spent 2 hours in the garden with the children. It was a fantastic morning with the students engaged and many visitors coming to see Costa and our wonderful school. We were also visited by students from the University of Queensland who held robotics workshops for all of our 2-6 students. Here at Amamoor we are really focusing on trying to engage our students through effective, dynamic teaching and visits like these as we work towards our goals of improving literacy, numeracy, student attendance and the number of students in the Upper 2 Bands.

We have a huge term this term both in and out of the classroom with sports days, excursions, Bush Dance, Maths Team Challenge, Muster, Mary Valley Show, Picasso Cow Competition, Bush Poetry Competition and parent teacher interviews. Please remember all help is greatly appreciated, please consider volunteering for a shift at the muster or the show (rosters have gone home).

SWPBS
Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support committee are responsible for deciding the approach we take in the school to managing student behaviour are meeting regularly and would really like to have the opinion of parents and community members. If you think you might be interested to give approximately an hour a month of your time please let us know.

School Opinion Surveys
All parents and caregivers should have received a Parent School Opinion Survey slip. It would be great to have as many responses as possible. If you haven’t yet received one there are more available in the office. **Surveys to be completed by 31 July**

Excellence in Teaching Awards
Parents, Students and community members are invited to nominate an inspirational teacher or educator in this year’s ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards. You can nominate online at asg.com.au/nominate by 31 July 2015. For general enquiries call 1800 624 487

Woolworth’s Earn and Learn
Could all parents and community members please collect stickers every time you shop at Woolworths. At the end of the term we are able to swap the stickers for resources for our school. We have a collection container outside the office.

Finally I would like to wish Eloise, Lorelei, Mikayla, Lucy and Ben the best of luck as they represent Amamoor at the Maths Team Challenge this Wednesday.

Thankyou

**Adam Montgomery**
Principal
During Term 2, Reading involvement and improvement was a focus for our whole school with our Reading Club conducted daily from 8:30am—9:00am.

To support reading we had “The Gruffalo Reading Challenge” running in our classroom as well. “The Challenge” was taken up by all our students and we celebrated our achievements with a trip to the Caloundra Events Centre to see the performance “The Gruffalo’s Child”.

We also organised a class party to celebrate and had prizes, awards and “Gruffalo” party food to enjoy.
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Amamoor's Kitchen Garden
With COSTA

Last Thursday our School Kitchen Garden was officially opening by the host of the ABC Gardening Australia Show, Costa. Costa was an inspiration to all the students and the adults with his passion for nature, gardening and protecting the environment.

Everyone was involved in planting, watering and looking after the school garden beds. Our “scarecrow” is now in the garden area on duty keeping the local birdlife at bay.

Thank You!
Costa came to school. He was funny and he told me some words I did not know. I love gardening and Costa does too because he is on the ABC Gardening Australia Show.

It was fun gardening with Costa. We made a scarecrow because we thought Costa would like it.

I love gardening with Costa. It was excellent! I liked gardening with my friends. It was good too and I liked lunchtime and playtime.

I liked seeing the worm farm and all the plants. I liked Costa, he was funny. I liked his big beard. I had a photo with the scare-
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday
Greetings everyone! I hope that you fully recharged your batteries over the holidays because term 3 is probably our busiest time of the year. As you all know, your P&C does a great job of supporting our wonderful little school with various projects throughout the year and all of their effort and time is given freely and for one reason only…our kids! It’s always encouraging to see our team turning up for meetings regardless of weather and enthusiastically putting their hands up to get things done. We understand that many folk can’t make it to meetings but are happy to help out where possible and over the next 6 weeks we will need all the willing hands we can get to ensure that our fundraising income remains healthy which then enables us to continue to invest in the education of our kids. Please take the time to look at the rosters for the Gympie Music Muster and the Mary Valley Show and put your name down to help out. The more that volunteer, the easier it is for everyone and every hour you give is directly benefiting your child.

Kitchen Garden
Well there is only one word which needs to be said and that is… Costa! What a wonderful man he is and what a fabulous visitor to officially open our beautiful kitchen garden. It was great to see so many parents joining in on the fun of the day and going by the feedback received, Costa left his mark on both kids and adults alike. We’ll all be counting down until he returns next year to celebrate our first birthday but in the meantime there are lots of projects to work on including introducing chooks into our system & establishing a bush tucker garden, as well as lots of fun harvesting, tasting and learning.

Your Inspiration At Home
By now you should have received your catalogue for these wonderful products. Y.I.A.H is a delicious range of flavours which can turn the simple everyday into something really amazing. Those who came to the free tasting were very impressed with the range and quality of these Aussie made products and for every item you order, our school will receive 40% of the price. This is a great way to enjoy some amazing flavours and help raise funds for our school. Orders need to be in by Monday 3rd August. If you would like more order forms to pass on to family and friends please see Cathy.

Gympie Muster
Not long now until the Muster gets underway and we need as many volunteers as possible to assist at the gates. This is our biggest event of the year and all it takes is for school families to volunteer some time. For each 6 hour shift you do, you will receive a free day pass to the muster for the day of your choice. Make sure you get your preferred shift times in to the office or to Sarah Boody ASAP.

Mary Valley Show
Each year Amamoor SS mans the gates for the show and volunteers are needed to help out. This is a great little show and its success relies heavily on the support of community groups such as ours. If you are unable to help out at the muster, then please put your hand up to give some time to helping at the show on Aug 22nd.

"If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to approach the P&C team, we’d only be too glad to hear your ideas”. How to contact your P&C.

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Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan)-
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

AMAMOOR STATE SCHOOL LEARN & PLAY PLAYGROUP
★ 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 50c

IMBIL RURAL WATCH
Although this Rural Watch is called ‘Imbil’ Rural Watch it covers all of Sergeant Kennedy and Senior Constable Greer’s patrol area. Meetings are normally held at Kandanga Hall the 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30pm.

DO YOU HAVE SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN PREP TO GRADE 2 WHOSE BEHAVIOUR IS DIFFICULT TO MANAGE
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. The length of the training depends on individual families but it may last anywhere from 3 to 8 weeks.
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.
• Playgroup every Tuesday 9-11am
• Tuckshop every Monday
• Craft Club every Monday at 1:15pm
From the Principal

- Gardening Club every Friday Lunchtimes
- Breakfast Club every Tuesday morning
- Camera Club every Tuesday at 1.15pm

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.

Gympie HighLIGHTS
EXCELLENCE IMMERSION PROGRAMS
2015

CENTURIONS
GYMPIE S.H.

STEM (Robotics), INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN,
AGRICULTURE, ART & DESIGN, FOOD TECHNOLOGY

WHAT IS GYMPIE HIGHLIGHTS?
Junior Secondary at Gympie State High School is offering the opportunity for upper primary students Year 6 & 7 to register for the school Gympie HighLIGHTS Excellence Programs taking place throughout 2015. The programs will offer students from local Gympie region area the opportunity to participate in diverse and extended experiences in a format similar to the seniors. Register by sending the details below to
P: Junior HighLights enrollment@
F: HighLights enrollment@n
E: Wire this email
U: Students not my year level
S: Selection not my year level
T: School community attending
R: Program of Interest
I: Would address for us to reply

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2015
Registrations may be submitted by selecting from the school email address

Year 5 & 6 Students

Gympie District Girl Guides
CENT AUCTION
M.C. - surprise guest
GYMPIE RSL, MARY ST, ORCHID ROOM
When Saturday 1st August
Time 6pm bistro opens for dinner
6.30pm entertainment, auction

$10 entry Per person
Includes complimentary drink!
Pre-purchase tickets NOW from Annette at Whitegoods With Warranty, 102 Meller St or phone Leonora 0425 850 360

Table of 8-10 also available

Gympie District Girl Guides are fundraising for
International Girl Guides and Girl Scout Movement, World Thinking Day

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1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

Time: 6-9pm (3 sessions x 3 hours)
Venue: The Early Years Family Hub
2 O’Connell Street, Gympie.

Learn:
✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help children develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Certificates of Completion will be provided to all attendees who complete the three sessions.

Registration/course: Free – Parent workbooks: Free (normally $15.00)
Register for this course by contacting Andre at the Early Years Family HUB on 54 829012

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Andre Beattie

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au