Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome to week 8 at Amamoor State School and the final newsletter for 2016. We have had a fantastic fortnight with the highlight being the swimming carnival where the students all had a fantastic day and we ended up winning the Junior AND Senior trophies. We also have seen a large number of our students continue to record improvements in their reading ability. There is a lot going on this week and next week as well. We have a new playground going in beside the fairy garden (see photo below), next week the playgroup outdoor area will be reinvigorated and the outdoor section of B Block will be getting extended so that it can be accessed from both classrooms.

**Awards Night and Concert:** We will be holding this on Monday 5th December at the school commencing at 6pm. We plan to finish the night with a shared supper around 7.30 pm. Bring something to sit on and a plate to share.

**Book Packs:** 2017 book pack notes will go home this week. These outline the consumables your child requires for next year. You have the option to give the money to the school to purchase the equipment on your behalf or you can purchase the items yourself and bring them in on the first day of school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process please contact us.

**P & C and Working Bee:** This Sunday 27th November there will be a Working Bee organised by the P&C. We have a lot to get done so if you are available between 5 and 10 am please come down and help out. There will be a BBQ breakfast at 7am to keep our energy levels up. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Cathy and the entire P&C for their efforts this year. It really has made an incredible difference to the school. If you think you would like to be a part of the P&C in 2017 please talk to Cathy or myself.

Thank you very much for your support in 2016.

Adam Montgomery, Principal

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**Amamoor Attendance**
**Target 95%**
**To Date 92.5%**

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**What’s on:**

**NOVEMBER**
- 25 Swimming Wk 5 last
- 27 WORKING BEE @ School 5-10am
- 28 Yr 6 Transition to High Schools
- 29 Prep Transition Day
- 30 Volunteers M/Tea @ 10:30am @ School

**DECEMBER**
- 1 Yr 6 Grad Dinner
- 2 Report Cards
- 5 Concert/Awards Night
- 6 Yr 6 Grad Excursion
- 7 Whole School Excursion
- 9 Last day of year

**JANUARY**
- 19 Uniform Shop Open 9:00–10:00am
- 20 Uniform Shop Open 9:00–10:00am
- 26 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION @ Amamoor School

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Support Services for Students

KIDS HELP LINE 1800 551 800
LIFELINE - 13 11 14

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The beginnings of our new playground!
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

"It was a phenomenon!" Ariella

"I was EXTRA-ordinary and so BRIGHT!" reported Olivia

"This will happen again in 34 years. I will be 44," marveled Wil

"It made the night like Day!" William

"This was my first SUPERMOON!" ENORMOUS! cried Shamika

"It was BRILLIANT!" said Tyson

"It was a PERIGEE!" exclaimed Blair

"The scientific name for SUPERMOON is PERIGEE!"
Well we held our last P&C meeting for the year last week; where has the year gone! As discussed, the end of year concert is coming up very soon, and all families are asked to bring along a plate of food to share after the performances.

Speaking of food, Melina will need a hand to clean out the freezers for all of the yummy home baking/cooking at the end of the year, so keep an eye out for her specials over the next couple of weeks!

The Kitchen Garden is still producing heaps of goodies, so don’t forget to come on up to the bus shelter and the little market stall on a Friday afternoon and purchase some fresh produce to take home.

I am very pleased to announce that Sarah and Matty’s hard work on ‘Bottlecap Bobbie’ (our scarecrow) has paid off and Amamoor State School was awarded the prize for the best scarecrow in the children’s division. Thank you to all those children and their families for collecting all those bottle caps, sure makes us realise just how much plastic we are throwing ‘away’ (remember that there is no ‘away’ as Costa says!).

We will be holding our last working bee for the year this Sunday from 5am to 10am, with a BBQ Breaky at 7am. Help from people of all ages and abilities will be greatly appreciated; our focus is on the Kitchen Garden and it would be great to have as many families as possible involved. Please RSVP me for catering purposes. A simple text with the number of adults and children attending will ensure I have enough food for everyone. And don’t forget to bring your work gloves, hat and drink bottles!

**DATE CLAIMER: Australia Day Celebration at Amamoor School 26/01/2017.** Come along with family and friends for a great old fashioned day out with the family. Lots of fun to be had by all. More information will be out soon!

As this will also be the last newsletter message for the year from me, I would like to sincerely thank every one of the hard working P&C members and the wonderful staff of Amamoor State School; the work they do is most often unseen but the benefits to our children are immeasurable. It really has been a lot of fun working with you all and I will miss you over the holidays. See you all next year!

*Cathy Forsdike*

*P&C President*

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Chappy’s Chat......

Welcome to the last three weeks of the school term, and to possibly the busiest time in the entire school calendar. This is such an exciting time in the school term and is a great time to connect in with people. Lunchtimes when I’m at school are filled with organized games and enjoying the final weeks of the school year.

A reminder that this Saturday the Trailblazers Group is holding an Australian Thanksgiving BBQ on the 26th of November from 5:30pm at Miranda Downs, Park Lane, Imbil. While this is a fundraiser for Mary Valley School Chaplaincy, it’s also a great way to connect as a community and really reflect together about the year that has passed. This will be a fun family event full of games and food for the whole community.

On a final note, in the first week of the school holidays for year 5 and 6 students, there is a Scripture Union camp being run at Apex campsite at Mudjimba from Monday to Friday. This will be a fun filled 5 days full of exciting trips and great friendships. If you are interested in learning more about the camp please do not hesitate to see me around school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, or you can learn more at:


Hope that you have a great week!
Looking forward to seeing you around the school...Chappy Caitlin
**From the Principal**

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**ICY CUPS ON SALE**
**EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL**
@ 3pm
To help raise FUNDS for the grade 6 Graduation

$1

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**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

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**UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS**
Reminder for everyone..... If you have changed address, phone number (including mobile) or have a new email address or any other information that enables us to contact you more easily, please notify the school office on...

5401 1333

Thank you! 😊

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**GUITAR TEACHER**

Rob Wilson resides in Amamoor (close to Amamoor School) 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 and is currently holding lessons at a Gympie Primary 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
**MESSAGE TO PARENTS - PAYING STUDENT INVOICES VIA BPAY/BPOINT**

When paying student invoices via BPay or BPoint please remember to pay each child separately using their 'unique' student ID reference on the invoice - BPoint can be located on the bottom left hand side of the invoice and BPay on the lower right hand side. This will help match your payments to each child's invoice.

Thank you in advance, Lisa (Admin)