Dear Families & Community Members

Welcome to another fortnight here at Amamoor. We have been really busy in classes finishing off our first units of work, swimming, practicing cross country and celebrating our leaders.

**School Focus**

At the P&C meeting last Tuesday night I outlined our key priorities for 2015 here at Amamoor State School. They are:

- Improving Reading results
- Improving Numeracy results
- Improving number of students in the Upper 2 bands (achieving above age appropriate level)

Please remember all offers of help in the classroom are greatly appreciated and will really help us work towards these priorities.

**P&C**

At the P&C AGM it was fantastic to see a large number of parents and community members in attendance and supporting our school. All positions on the executive were filled and I would like to thank the following for volunteering:

- **President** – Donna Rasmussen
- **Vice-President** – Carolyn Kilpatrick
- **Secretary** – Rachel Freudenstein
- **Treasurer** – Sam Robb

In the general meeting $11000 was given to the school to support the travel for the swimming program and travel for 1 excursion per term for each class. On behalf of the students I would like to say thank you to all that were involved in raising the money and I am looking forward to reporting back where our students will be heading off to.

**School Leaders**

Yesterday we had our School Leaders Ceremony here at Amamoor State School. Seargent Bill Greer was on hand to present the students with their badges and the P&C provided morning tea. I would like to congratulate the leaders and also thank Seargent Bill Greer and the P&C for making the morning special.

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**Our leaders for 2015 are:**

- **Social and Cultural**
  - Ben & Charli
- **Library**
  - Dawson & Kourtney
- **Environmental**
  - Lorelei & Jack
- **Sports**
  - Leah & Shania

**Welcome Chappy Caitlin**

Yesterday we met our new chaplain Caitlin Forward. Caitlin is from Gympie and is a classically trained musician and is also trained in high adventure facilitation (high ropes, flying fox, team building). We are really excited to have Caitlin here at Amamoor and she will be at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Student advantage - free Microsoft Office software for students’ personal computers**

All Queensland state school students are now able to download multiple copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite onto their personal devices. This suite provides students with the latest full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and more. Further info can be found at https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx

**Cross Country Training**

started on Tuesday the 24th, at 8.15am, led by Miss Broome and parent volunteers. All children are encouraged to come along and participate, no matter what age or ability.

**Training is held every Tuesday & Thursday** morning, from 8.15am, weather permitting. Some **volunteers are needed** to run with the children and others are required to stand at the beginning/end of the track to time the children, as they love to see how much they improve with practice. Please see Miss Broome if you can help

**Jake Garrett Foundation Day**

This Friday the 27th, you can wear **free dress** for the day for a **gold coin donation. Wear Blue** for the day as this was Jake’s favourite colour.

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**SCHOOL WATCH**

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**Office Hours**

- **Monday** – 8.30 – 3.15pm
- **Tuesday** – 8.30 – 3.15pm
- **Wednesday** – 8.30 – 3.15pm
- **Thursday** – unattended
- **Friday** – 12.30 – 3.15pm

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**Date Claimer**

Mark your calendar with these important dates!

**February**

- 27th Jake Garrett day
- 10th Parade 2.30pm
- 12th Funky hair day
- 24th P&C Meeting

**March**

- 24th Parade 2.30pm
- 30th Halogen Young Leaders conference, Yr 6- Brisbane

**April**

- 2nd Cross country
- 2nd Last day of Term 1
- 3rd Good Friday

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**Support Services for Students**

- **KIDS HELP LINE**
  - 1800 551 800
- **LIFELINE**
  - 13 11 14

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P&C News

Next P&C Meeting Tuesday, 17th March, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Library.

Children are welcome to come along with their parents

Tuckshop:

We would really appreciate some extra hands at tuckshop on a Monday morning. If you are able to help out from time to time, please let Donna Oxley or one of the other P&C members know. Even if it's only once a month, or once a term all help is appreciated.

Drum sales:

Don't forget that we still have lots of 100L drums for sale. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please see Cathy Forsdike. These drums are food grade, so have not carried any nasty chemicals and are great for a multitude of uses, $10ea or 3 for $25.

Craft Club:

Do you enjoy doing a bit of craft? Then how about sharing your skills with the children at our craft club? Helpers are always welcome and appreciated. Please see Cathy or Donna if you would like to be involved.

Country Music Muster Volunteers:

Last year our volunteers did an amazing job and we would like to say thank you with a Muster Volunteers BBQ to be held on March 15th at school. More information will be out shortly, but if you were there last year, please save the date!

"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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With a qualified Teacher aide
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Bring a hat, drink & a snack and come and meet some new friends!
FOR SALE - ROLLERBLADES
All in good condition at just $5.00 / pair (All are adjustable)

Toddler blades:  5-8.....3 pr left  8-11...1 pr left
Kids blades:     12-2......2 pr left  2-5...... 2 pr left
Adult blades:    UK 9 .....1pr left  UK 10...2pr left
                 UK 11....4pr left  UK 12...1pr left

Please contact:  Sam Robb...............0428 742 417

IMBIL RURAL WATCH
Is delighted to announce that Shane Webcke will be their guest speaker at the next meeting on Thursday 12th of March.
Starts 7.30pm at Kandanga Hall
Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting.
Come and meet Shane and listen to him chat about his career and life experiences.

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–All costs are covered by Ed Qld
MAKING AN APPOINTMENT... Contact Josh at the GYMPIE MYCP (phone 0408 701 039)
A time will be made to discuss the program with you and answer any questions that you may have.

OLD TIME COUNTRY DANCE
With the Sunshine Swing Band
KANDANGA HALL
SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2015
9.30PM START – DOORS OPEN 7PM
Delicious supper provided
Lucky door & lucky spot
Multi-draw raffle
Monte Carlo
COST: ADULT $12.00 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS $6.00
Enquiries: K Worth 54843492 T Gabbana 54843465

Movies in the park
This summer, come along to one of Gympie Regional Councils FREE ‘Movies in the Park’ events. Your local park will be transformed to an outdoor cinema. We will provide the movies which have been selected to appeal to a wide audience, so grab a chair or a rug, bring a picnic and enjoy an evening with your whole family in your local park.
For further information on dates, locations and times head to https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/moviesinthepark to keep on the latest news and events.

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on sale
every Friday
After School 3.00pm
To help raise funds for
Yr 6 graduation!

Cooloola Community Toy Library
PHONE 0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie Q 4570
or back street entrance (Opp IGA)