Dear Families & Community Members

Principals Messages

Well Term 1 is coming to an end and it has been extremely pleasing to see our students working well and achieving great results. We are very keen to discuss your child’s progress with you and this week will be holding parent teacher interviews. Please see the class teacher if you haven’t already arranged a time to speak with them.

It’s All About Reading at Amamoor

We are focused on improving all of our student’s results across Literacy and Numeracy, improving attendance and the number of students in the upper 2 bands but there is one area in particular that we really want to target and that is Reading. We have undertaken a number of initiatives to improve our students’ reading levels across the school. Starting next term there will be a readers club in the library each morning where students can read independently or to a parent volunteer/staff member for 10 minutes when they arrive at school.

We have purchased $2000 worth of new library books that the students can borrow.

We have purchased an online program (Literacy Pro) where students can read a book and answer questions to demonstrate understanding.

We have the library now equipped with a number of computers where students can complete online quizzes and read electronic books.

We have a specific teacher (Jaye Shaw) working in the school to focus on improving reading and supporting the teachers and teacher aides to teach reading.

An intervention program has been established that will run 4 mornings a week coordinated by Ms Reynolds focusing on decoding skills with students from years 3-6.

Mrs Kimber is leading our push to track reading and supporting the teachers and at home. Mathletics is a fun and effective way to reinforce numeracy skills.

Parent Communication

Amamoor State School now has SMS broadcast service. Last week I sent out a message to advise of the P&C meeting. If you didn’t receive an SMS from the school or would like to update your mobile phone number to receive text messages please contact the school.

As this is the last newsletter for the term I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish all in the Amamoor State School Community a Happy Easter and a safe holiday.

Crazy Hair day raised $94.00 (Well done everyone)

Welcome to the Lawler Family

On Monday Mikayla, Jackson and Zoe Lawler commenced here at Amamoor State School. They are from Gladstone and have spent the last 9 months travelling around Australia with their parents. I would like to welcome them to our school and also thank all of our students for looking after them and making them feel welcome.

P&C

Once again I would like to say an enormous thankyou to all of the members of the Amamoor P&C for the outstanding way in which they support the students of Amamoor State School. Next week every student will be going on an excursion or participating in an activity with visitors here at Amamoor all funded by the P&C. P/1/2 will be going to Maleny Dairies, 2/3/4 will be having a visit by the people from Insects Alive and the 5/6 class will be going to Coolum for adventure activities and team building.

Last week a note went home to all families asking for assistance to support two P&C projects the memorial orchard and the kitchen garden. If you didn’t get this note or want more information please contact the school.

Mathletics

All students at Amamoor now have a Mathletics account that can be used at school and at home. Mathletics is a fun and effective way to reinforce numeracy skills.

Reminders

Easter Stall – We still need donations for the Easter stall before next Wednesday. Donations of chocolate can be stored in tuckshop fridge. Thankyou

Swimming payments are due now. Payments can be made by way of cash, cheque or direct credit. Thank you.

TUCKSHOP……….Monday’s
CRAFT CLUB……….Monday lunchtime
CAMERA CLUB……….Tuesday lunchtime
BREAKFAST CLUB……….Tuesday morning’s
PLAYGROUP……….Tuesday’s 9-11am
I can’t believe we’re in week 9 already! The term has flown by and I’m definitely ready for the holidays, but there is still lots to do so don’t kick your feet up just yet! Congratulations to the Forsdike family on the safe arrival of Grace Marie. Great to see Cathy and Dan keeping working on the future enrollments of our wonderful school!

Where does the money go? If you’ve ever asked this question regarding the funds that are raised by P&C, here is an example. So far this year we have donated $11,000 to the school for educational projects and transport to swimming lessons. We paid half the cost of purchasing a new oven and freezer for the tuckshop, along with a new mix master to help make life easier for Donna and Hayley. And as you all now know, work is due to commence on our vegetable gardens thanks to funds provided by the P&C. You can rest assured that every cent we raise goes into our school to benefit the children. At the moment we are looking into the possibility of having air conditioning installed in B block, so it is vital that our fund raising efforts continue.

Muster news: Earlier this month the P&C hosted a “Thank you BBQ” so show our appreciation to those who volunteered for our school at last year’s muster. A lovely time was had by all and hopefully we will see everyone again for this year’s event. If you didn’t help out last year, please put it in your diary for this time. The job is very easy and lots of fun and in return, the school raises much needed funds and you get a free pass to enjoy the Muster.

Easter Stall: Don’t forget the stall will be running on the last day of this term. Donations of items for the stall would be greatly appreciated. If you have anything to donate, would you kindly send them in to the office for collection. Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

School Holiday Event: On the 15th of April at 9:30 there will be a Gourd workshop being held at the Amamoor Station. There is a limit to the numbers who can attend and cost is $5. Grade 3 and up.

Craft Club: As Cathy is now out of action for a while, we’d greatly appreciate any helpers who would be willing to come along and assist Eleanor with craft club. No great craft skills necessary and you may pick up a new hobby while you’re there. At the moment the kids are working on projects for Mother’s day, so if you can give an hour to help, please let us know.

Disco: As many are aware, despite the cyclones that have been hitting up north, much of central Qld is still in drought and farmers and their families are doing it tough. We’d like to help them by raising funds to send to the “Buy a Bail” charity which helps provide assistance to farmers in drought. So, to celebrate our return to school, on Friday evening of week one in term 2 we will be holding a disco. Entry is for Amamoor students only and it is requested that only parents pick up their children after the event. More details will be provided shortly, but please mark this night into your diary!

Lap-a-thon: Lap-a-thon will be held in term 2 so time to start sounding out family and friends for potential donors. This is a fun event and a great fund raiser for the school.

Cross country: Thursday 2nd April. Great to see so many kids joining in on training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as lots of Dads inspiring the kids to do their best.

School Banking: The Commonwealth Bank has approached the school to start a school banking program for students. The program offers incentives for saving focusing on regularity of deposits rather than the amounts. We would like to know how many families would be interested in this program before we go ahead. Please let your teacher know if you would like your child to open a school banking account.

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

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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 WHOS BEHAVIOUR IS DIFFICULT TO MANAGE?

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For any enquiries call Amamoor State School on 54011333