This is the second last newsletter for the year and will be the second last newsletter to be sent home in a hard copy. As of next year the newsletters will be emailed home each fortnight and will still be available on our school website. Could all parents please ensure the school has their current email address. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the office early next year and a hard copy will be arranged for you.

**Book Packs**
At the P&C meeting it was decided that the school would coordinate book packs and make “class sets” of exercise books and stationery. The school would put in a bulk order and parents would pay an amount (approx. $100) and the school would ensure all students would have the appropriate supplies for the entire year. This will allow the school to order all of the resources in advance next year, order class sets of textbooks for students to use and replace items as necessary throughout the year, resulting in much less disruption to learning. Notes regarding this will be sent out next week. I would like to strongly encourage parents to take advantage of this offer.

**Swimming Carnival and Family BBQ**
This Friday we have the swimming carnival at Kandanga Pool from 9.30am in the morning. The P-3 students will be finishing at 11:30am and will be returning to school whilst the 4-6 students will be at the pool until 2.30pm.

There will be another family BBQ at Amamoor School starting at 5:30pm this Friday. The jumping castle will be there and P&C will provide the sausages. BYO drinks and a plate to share. All families and community members are welcome to attend both events.

**Prep and New Student Open Day**
This will be on Tuesday, December 1 from 10:00 -11:00am. All new students are welcome to attend, please contact the office to confirm your child’s attendance if you haven’t already done so.

**End of Year Celebrations**
Our end of year concert and awards night will be held on Monday night from 6.00-7.30pm here at the school. A stage will be set up in front of the admin block. Chairs will be provided however if you would prefer to sit on your own chair or picnic blanket you are more than welcome to bring your own.

All students that demonstrate appropriate behaviour are invited to our end of year excursion to the Big Boing Trampolining Centre in Kawana on Wednesday, December 9. Permission notes went home yesterday.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, P&C and many volunteers for their time and effort they put in to ensure Amamoor State School is an engaging environment where we can develop the hearts and minds of our students. Thank you!

**Adam Montgomery**
The year 5/6 class researched the history of the 12 soldiers that are honoured in our memorial orchard. They presented their findings to the crowd at the ANZAC Memorial Orchard opening ceremony on Remembrance Day at Amamoor School.

We Remember...

Thomas Higgins
Brian Higgins
Fredrick Harrison
Alfred Hester
Jackson Saunders
Charles Clement Cavanagh
David McConnell
Roy Linden Farrell
Arthur Groves
C.G Gordon
J.E Mackie
Well we’re definitely on the down hill run now folks, but we can’t rest on our laurels just yet as there is still lots to come in the next 2 weeks. This year’s concert looks to be a beauty, so be sure and let family and friends know so they can join us in celebrating a wonderful year.

**Friday Family BBQ at Amamoor School**
This Friday we’ll be holding another great family BBQ and we invite everyone to join us for a very relaxed evening. Sausages will be provided by P&C and Pastor Brendan Edwards will once again be bringing along his jumping castle for all to enjoy. Adam has even promised to ensure we have a constant light supply! The evening starts at 5:30pm so please BYO drinks and bring along a plate of salad or dessert to share.

**Mary River Festival**
As most folks are well aware, this year’s festival wasn’t quite as expected thanks to a few passing storms. Sadly our promotional stall for the school wasn’t able to gain the exposure we had hoped for and consequently we were left with a large number of seedlings. Thank you to those who have bought some from the students. We still have more to clear, so if you’re looking for either beans or cucumbers for your garden, please see the 5/6 class who are selling them at 4 for $1.

**Anzac Memorial**
Thank you to everyone who supported this amazing project and who gave their time and energy to make it happen. We are very proud of this beautiful addition to our school. Last week I received a phone call from a gentleman in Gympie who saw the article in the Gympie Times. It turned out that he had just finished writing a book about his uncle, who was one of the men we have commemorated in our orchard, Private Clem Cavanaugh. Sadly he had sent the book to the printers the day he read the article, so we just missed out on having a photo of the orchard included. However, when the book has been printed he plans to visit the school and present us with a copy for our library. I’d like to thank those who participated in the Remembrance Day official opening. The students who recited poems and researched the soldiers, Joel Edwards for sharing his experiences in the ADF, Lloyd Robins for giving his time to play the cornet, Pastor Brendan Edwards, Cr Julie Walker for officiating the opening and the members of the 5th Gympie Lighthorse for their fantastic display of horsemanship. It was wonderful to see so many community members there on the day and we hope that there will be many more such services held in the years to come.

**Our School Expectations**
- **Respect Self**
- **Respect Others**
- **Respect School and Community**

**+VE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS**
**RESPECT SCHOOL & COMMUNITY**
**Be a leader/role model**

**P&C News**

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**TUCKSHOP**
- **Mondays**

**CAMERA CLUB**
- **Tuesday lunchtime**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
- **Tuesday mornings**

**PLAYGROUP**
- **Tuesdays 9-11am**

**CRAFT CLUB**
- **Wed lunchtime**
From the Principal

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

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

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KANDANGA POOL
4 day Stroke Correction
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th January, 2016
8:00am to 9:00am
$60

Please book @ Kandanga Pool 5484 3770

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

Chappy’s Chat……..

Wow! 2 and a half weeks left at school, and so much to fit into those weeks. As a school we have accomplished so much in what seems to have passed so quickly.

This fortnight’s focus has been using positive language with peers and adults. This is a focus I love because I know that when the weather gets hot, and I get a little put out, I don’t always use positive language. It’s not just a reminder for students, but for all of us. That as the shops get busier, our lives a little more crazy, that no matter what is happening, we should always speak to those around us in a positive tone, and use positive language.

I hope as the year finishes up that we are all enjoying the time we are given and making the most of each opportunity.

Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you,

Chappy Caitlin
- Camera Club every Tuesday Lunchtime
- Craft Club every Wednesday Lunchtime
- Gardening Club every Friday Lunchtimes
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RESPECT
Self
Others
School and Community

Learning
Working
Growing
TOGETHER

COME AND TRY
PREP MORNING
and PARENT
INFORMATION SESSION
FOR CHILDREN
STARTING PREP
IN 2016

Open Day
and Prep Morning
Tuesday 1st December
10 - 11:00am
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