Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

While Mr Montgomery is enjoying a well earned holiday from the 20th-28th October I will be Acting Principal in his absence. I took this role on with no hesitation, knowing that we have such a supportive parent and community group and engaged, well-behaved students here at Amamoor. True to my predictions the school has been ticking along just fine in his absence and that is thanks to you - the students and families who make up our school community. So thank you from me!

Another great opportunity to say thank you will be coming up this Friday 28th October being ‘World Teachers Day’. I know all our teachers, teacher aides, pre-service teachers and support staff are passionate about helping your child learn and grow and this is a day when we can acknowledge their commitment and hard work.

There are a couple of important dates coming up for new enrolments for 2017. Next Thursday 3rd November is the Prep Open Afternoon from 3pm-4pm. Bring your family and stop by the P-2 classroom to meet your child’s teacher, tour the facilities, have a friendly chat or answer any questions you have about your child starting Prep. Then on Tuesday 29th November it is your new prep child’s chance to experience a morning at school at the Prep Transition Morning. We will be running a special program for children starting prep in 2017 from 9:00am-11:00am as well as an information session for parents. This is a great confidence builder for young children and it is worthwhile taking the time to attend the information session even if this is your 2nd, 3rd or 4th child to start prep here Amamoor as we are constantly evolving and developing in new and exciting directions with out Prep program.

Prep will be compulsory from 2017…. The Queensland Parliament recently made important changes to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. From next year, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Preparatory (Prep) Year, prior to entering Year 1. The legislation identifies specific exceptions that can be determined by principals on a case-by-case basis. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017. We have seen such positive learning outcomes since the introduction of Prep. Read more at: http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2016/9/1/prep-year-now-compulsory-in-queensland

Parents will continue to have flexibility in terms of the age at which they may enrol their child in Prep, provided the child is enrolled and attending school from the age of compulsory schooling of 6 years and 6 months.” If you know of any families who are interested in enrolling students at Amamoor School (any year level), please encourage them to call the school office on 5401 1333.

**QSchools App**

Interact with Amamoor State School through the QSchools app and receive up-to-the-minute updates. The app integrates with the school’s website to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and social media feeds. The app will enable the school community to receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications through the app.

Alexia Broome, Acting Principal
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Spring in the Mary Photography Competition

- Digital entries are due to Mrs Pope this Friday.
- All entries will be displayed at the Kandanga River Festival held on November 12th.
  Winners announced at the festival

* Junior category $100 courtesy of HQ Plantations

* You can enter more than one photo...
  Visit mrecce.org.au for more information

Geography

- What are the main causes of bushfires?
- What are the main causes of floods?
- What are the main reasons to make products in Australia?
- What are the main reasons to move products in Asia?
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Miss Harris is working in the 5/6 classroom this term.

Welcome Miss Harris!
Facts for parents and educators

‘Day for Daniel’ is a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. Parents, carers and guardians are asked to start a conversation about personal safety in the real world and in an online environment.

Wear Red and Educate is the theme of ‘Day for Daniel’ as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and community groups across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in ‘Keeping Kids Safe’.

The objectives of ‘Day for Daniel’ are:
- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT.
- To provide FREE safety and educational material.
- To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.

‘Day for Daniel’ is an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia. It aims to help empower our children to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT if they feel something is not right.

What does RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT mean?
RECOGNISE encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise body clues in situations where they don’t feel safe. REACT helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible. REPORT encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Resources available:
‘Keeping Kids Safe’ Resource Kit
The ‘Keeping Kids Safe’ Resource Kit is a suggested resource to be used on Day for Daniel. It includes DVD’s and educational resource booklets with information and activities suitable for children in prep to year 6. The kit is developed by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and aligned with the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum. It is based around three key messages RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT.

Developmentally appropriate scenarios are also used to explore and discuss safety situations that children and young people may encounter.

New for this year is the additional DVD and booklet which is specifically targeting children and young people with mild to moderate special needs. There is also a new version scripted for children and young people with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

‘Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum’
The ‘Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum’ is only available to teachers in Australia and not available for public use. More information is available on RecogniseReactReport.com.au

How do I get the ‘Keeping Kids Safe’ Resource Kit?
The full resource kit is available on our website under the tab ‘Educational Resources’. There are videos, information, activities, links to games and information about the ‘Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum’. You can also order the kit free of charge on our website.

How can I help?

DayForDaniel.com.au
From the Principal
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LOST PROPERTY
Has your child lost something...?
Parents please check the lost property box regularly to locate any lost clothing, hats, lunchboxes, water bottles etc. at the front of B block.
 Handy tip... please name ALL clothing/lunchboxes so it is easy for children and staff to find the owners!! Thank you 😊

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)

BOOK FAIR
Where: Amamoor School Library
When: 24th–28th October
Time: 8:00–9:00am & 3:00–3:45 pm (not Friday pm)

BOOK FAIR ‘Australia! Story Country’ will be starting Monday week. This is a good opportunity for your child/ren to purchase a new book for interest, purchase for a friend or family member or maybe even as a present for Christmas. The students are already buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement for this upcoming event!

What will happen: ‘Book Fair’ will be replacing ‘Book Club’ this term. Children will be able to purchase books from our Book Fair for individual reading as well as choosing a book for their End of Year prize, which will be kindly paid for and donated by the Amamoor State School P & C. (A big THANK YOU to our wonderful P & C.)

The children will be given ‘Wish Lists’ to fill out for their End of Year prize as well as their own personal choice of books. This is a huge help to families who are unable to make it to our Book Fair.

We sold an enormous amount of books at our last Book Fair which not only showed what a huge interest in reading our children have, it also enabled us to purchase over $300 worth of books for our library at NO COST. Thank you everybody for your amazing support.

Please tell your family, friends and people in the community about our wonderful Book Fair.

Come along... Everyone is welcome!
Have a wonderful day and... take some time for yourself... READ A BOOK!
Mrs. Afford

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

$1

GYMPIE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Cancer Council Queensland is delighted to offer a morning tea so that people living with cancer can connect with others in a similar situation. If you are living with a cancer diagnosis or caring for someone with cancer you are very welcome to join us.

WHEN: Tuesday, 8th November, 2016
TIME: 10:00—12:00 noon
WHERE: Yah’Ning Place, Shop 2/107 Mary Street, Gympie
RSVP: Friday, 4th November, 2016

Light refreshments provided. Please indicate if you have any dietary requirements.
Email: Maroochydore@cancerqld.org.au OR Phone: 13 11 20 or 5451 6000

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P&C News

Firstly, thank-you to the volunteers who worked a shift at the Mary Valley Show and Music Muster – these are both great fundraisers for the school P&C raising several thousand dollars. If you haven’t already helped out this year and would like to get involved the school will be having a stall at the Mary River Festival on the 12th November at Kandanga. We would love a volunteer to man this stall and organise a small art/craft activities for visiting families. If you think you could help please see Cathy.

Special thanks also goes to the Clearys and all the hard work they put in to organising and running yet another successful Bush Dance. This is both a school fundraiser and a one of a kind community event so they and all the families who attended, volunteered or contributed towards supper need twice as much thanks from us!

The new tuckshop menu is a hit with an increase in orders. The icy-cups are a great addition and the P&C has funded some more of the cups so tuckshop can continue to keep up with demand! A reminder that ordering on Thursday for next Monday’s tuckshop makes organising and planning a lot easier, but Melina has let us know that there are still some items available ‘on the day’ if you have forgotten (just not those items with fresh ingredients). She is doing an amazing job of organising and running the tuckshop (ably assisted by her fantastic parent and community volunteers) but would appreciate some more support on a Monday as this is a long day for her with a small bub. She is looking for someone who perhaps could finish up/pack up at the end of the day or open up to start with in the morning. Can you help?

The Kitchen Garden is full of fresh produce at the moment and the Friday stall at the front gate has raised a good profit to keep funding this project. Rachel has maintained a fun, inviting Friday program for the kids which they are loving – check out the new sparkly ‘Garden Art’, the bird feeder and all the new seedlings that have gone in lately. George has been cooking crepes with the kids – which have gone down a treat! You can see it all in action on the Amamoor Kitchen Garden Facebook page.

While your down at the front gate purchasing fresh produce from our garden, don’t forget to check out the school’s entry in to the Scarecrow Competition – thanks to Sarah and Cathy for pulling this together in time. It is a very colourful and unique entry!

In more exciting news Amamoor School will soon have its own Facebook page to share upcoming events, information and photos. It will managed by Mr Montgomery and will be a positive forum for promoting our school’s many great opportunities for learning and growing. There will be a permission note coming home shortly regarding the use of images/photos in social media.

The next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 15th November at 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Alexia Broome
P&C Secretary

….more P&C news over the page
From the Principal

Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2016 Annual Implementation Plan)-

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Attendance
- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

......more P&C news below

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on **Tuesday, 15th November @ 6:30pm in the school library.** All welcome (including children). Hope to see you there!

2016 Amamoor P&C Executive Committee;

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Chappy’s Chat......

Welcome to Week 4 Term 4, we’re almost halfway through the term. The term is flying by and it’s getting really exciting. Then there is the scary part of the term going by quickly, that is there are only 9 Fridays till Christmas. Just to make all parents out there who aren’t ready for Christmas a little panicked.

This weekend we have the community breakfast at Kandanga Community Hall on Sunday, 30th October at 7:30am—9:00am and it would be great to see you there! It will be a fantastic morning of just connecting with the community and enjoying a good breakfast. Don’t forget to bring $5 for a donation toward our local school ‘Chappy Program’!

Hope that you have a great week!
Looking forward to seeing you around the school...  

Chappy Caitlin

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Reminder for everyone.....If you have changed address, phone number (including mobile) or have a new email or any other information that enables us to contact you more easily, please notify the school office on **5401 1333.** Thank you.

What’s on @ Amamoor......

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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**
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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