Dear Families & Community Members

Principal’s Messages:
Welcome all to a new year at Amamoor State School. My name is Adam Montgomery and I am replacing Michael Hobson here as principal temporarily until the permanent position is filled in term 2. I have previously been the principal of 4 other schools- Coconut Island, Hamilton Island, Gundiah and Kenilworth and most recently was the Deputy Principal at Nambour State School. It really is an honour and a privilege to have the opportunity to lead a school as fine as this and after our first day yesterday I am very excited about the year ahead.

It was great to see all students at school ready to learn and following our 3 school rules Respect Self, Respect Others and Respect School and Community. For the next 2 weeks our focus here at Amamoor is on the expectation - Be prepared and ready to learn.

A school can only be as strong as the community around it. On behalf of the students I would like to say a sincere thank you to all of the parent and community helpers who have helped get our school looking top shape, organised a fantastic Australia Day celebration, ensured all our students had uniforms and ran tuckshop on the first day. I have been astounded to see the community involvement in the school (particularly on the working bee morning when it was near 40 degrees!!)

Parent information Night
On Monday February 3 we will be holding a parent information night for parents to come in to the classrooms, meet the teachers and see what will be happening this year. All parents are welcome.

Emergency Procedures
In light of recent weather warnings Amamoor State School is reminding families about school routines in case of school closures.
School closures are decided on by the Government at a regional or state level after the consideration of many factors. The safety of students and staff is paramount and the Government does not want anyone taking unnecessary risks in accessing schools during natural disasters or severe weather conditions.
Families are advised to access the Queensland Government website or listen to local radio to keep up-to-date on school closures.

Swimming
The students will be participating in swimming lessons in term 1 and term 4 this year. Notes will be sent home shortly.

Staff for 2015
P-1-2 Teacher: Mrs Julie Kimber
2-3-4 Teacher: Miss Alexia Broome
5-6 Teaching Principal: Mr Adam Montgomery
Literacy & Numeracy Support Teacher: Ms Paula Reynolds
Reading Support Teacher: Mrs Jaye Shaw
Teacher Aides: Debbie Alford, Christine Andeson, Amanda Tombs & Sam Robb
Admin: Lisa Schroter
Cleaners: Kassie Dilger and Amanda Tombs
Grounds: David Hall

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Greetings all and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good holiday and successfully recharged the batteries ready for another great year here at Amamoor. Never to do things by halves, your P&C are back in full swing already with 3 major activities complete and lots more to come! So far we’ve completed 2 working bees to prepare the school grounds and our Australia Day celebrations.

Welcome!
I’d like to say a huge welcome to our new Principal Mr Adam Montgomery. Adam has certainly hit the ground running and has slotted in to our school community effortlessly. Adam arrived at our first working bee ready to give a hand and we very quickly put him to work. Well he certainly passed his first test with flying colours and parents and kids alike went away knowing we have a new friend at Amamoor. I’d also like to welcome back Mrs Kimber after her leave of absence and I hope that you’re feeling refreshed and recharged. And of course an enormous welcome to our new students and families joining us this year. I hope you’ll very quickly feel at home here and I invite you to come along to the next P&C meeting and get a behind the scenes look into our school.

Australia Day
Australia Day was a huge hit as the photo spread in the Gympie Times shows. What a wonderful day we had, joining together as a community along with Friends Of Amamoor, to celebrate this wonderful country we live in. Everyone joined in with the fun and games, which proved to be so entertaining that the photographer from the Gympie Times ended up staying for most of the day due to the incredibly high grass growing on the road verge, but I have contacted Council and they will be mowing that area very shortly so we should have an unobstructed view of the sign. Hopefully there will be no further cases of people telling us that they had no idea there was a school in Amamoor!

Election Day Cake Stall
You should all have received a note home requesting donations of baked goodies for our cake stall to be held on election day here at the school. If you are able to supply a cake or two or a batch of cookies, we’d love to receive them. These stall is always popular and all proceeds go to fund projects in our school.

Gardens Update
Just prior to the holidays, Cathy and I met with Shayne Mann who is a Landscape Designer. Shane has very kindly volunteered to draw up a master plan for our Vege gardens and orchard. This year we plan to seek grants in order to fund the development of this project. We have lots of wonderful ideas for this area, including an outdoor teaching area so that the students can not only experience the joy of home grown produce, but also enjoy an outdoor space. As soon as the plans are completed, we will put them on display so that everyone can see what we’re planning, make suggestions, volunteer any expertise and generally catch the vision of this exciting project.

Credit Where Credit is Due
I would like to say an absolutely ENORMOUS thank you to all of the wonderful parents and children who pulled off a miracle and transformed our school grounds from disaster area to manicured gardens. When we all arrived for the first working bee on Sunday 18th, I’m sure wasn’t the only one who was ready to cry when I saw how overgrown the whole school had become. But, never deterred by a challenge, our amazing band of parents, teachers and kids got stuck right in and weeded, whipper snipped, mowed and raked in the tropical heat and within a few hours, the place was back to it’s usual well loved and cared for self. I’d especially like to thank the fellas who generously allowed us to utilize their equipment: Ryan and Brian who spent hours on their whipper snippers as well as Ryan for mowing also, Lew who made life so much easier with his ute to take away trailer after trailer load of weeds and grass clippings and Dan who spent hours fine tuning all the mowing so that we had a wonderful area in the shade to enjoy Australia Day. Thank you everyone. I hope you are aware how much you are appreciated.

First Meeting and AGM
Our first meeting for the year, which is also our AGM will be held in the library on Tuesday 17th at 6:30pm As it is the AGM we need as many folks to attend as possible in order to meet the legal attendance requirements. Please write it on your calendars and come along. Our meetings are a lot of fun and we’re always happy to welcome new faces and ready to hear all ideas/suggestions for anything that will benefit our wonderful school and remember - "The ones who make the decisions, are the ones who show up." 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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P&C News

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

Children are welcome to come along with their parents.
FOR SALE - ROLLERBLADES

All in good condition at just $5.00 / pair

Toddler blades: 5-8 (small) adjustable shoe 8-11 (small) adjustable shoe

Kids blades: 12-2 (small) 2-5

Adult blades: UK 9 .....1pr UK 10...2pr
UK 11....4pr UK 12...1pr

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

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

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 YOUNG CHILDREN AGED 2 -7 YEARS 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.

Monday Craft News...

Welcome back!
Craft club is starting back next Monday 2nd February.
We will be starting some projects for Easter and Mothers Day. Everyone’s welcome.

If there is any other mum’s, grandmothers or anyone else who want to come and help, craft is on Monday’s from 1.15pm – 1.45pm

If you would like more information
please call Cathy Forsdike on 0487 051 075 or 54 843 443.

M A R Y  V A L L E Y P O N Y C L U B

Sign on day & AGM on the 8th February
at 9.30am at the Imbil showgrounds Hall

Please contact:
Chris Plucknett for any enquiries on
54886831 or 0458931918

ICY CUPS

ON SALE
EVERY FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME

TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
Yr 6 Graduation!

MARY VALLEY PONY CLUB

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at 9.30am at the Imbil showgrounds Hall

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Kandanga Public Swimming Pool

Opening Times (1 Sept 2014 – 30 April 2015)

PHONE: 54843770

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Closed - Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day

POOL ADMISSION COSTS

- Persons 10 years of age and over: $3.00 pp
- Persons under the age of 10 years: $2.00 pp
- Spectators: $1.00 pp

SEASON PASSES

- Family: $215.00
- Person 10 years of age and over: $130.00 pp
- Person under the age of 10 years: $ 85.00 pp

POOL HIRE: $55.00 PER HOUR WITH LIGHTS $65.00 PER HOUR

Supervision Policy

Please note, children under 10 years of age are not allowed entry unless under the active supervision of a person 16 years or older

LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS AND STROKE CORRECTION LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE.

SQUAD SWIMMING TRAINING IS ALSO OFFERED THROUGH CLUB MEMBERSHIP.