Dear Families & Community Members

Principal’s Messages:
The first two weeks of the 2015 school year have been extremely busy here at Amamoor State School. Thank you very much to all the families that have returned their updated contacts form. We are really keen to establish effective communication between the school and the community and current phone numbers and email addresses really assist us with this. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the fortnightly newsletter please email Lisa admin@amamoorss.eq.edu.au to join the mailing list.

Spelling Mastery
On Monday we commenced a new whole school spelling program called Spelling Mastery. Our students from year one to year 6 all are completing spelling lessons that are specific to their spelling ability. I am really excited to see how our students’ spelling skills improve this year.

Swimming
Our swimming program commenced last Friday at Kandanga Pool. Thank you very much to all the parents who have returned permission slips and have paid. It was great to see the students having fun and developing these essential skills.

SWPBS Focus
SWPBS stands for school wide positive behaviour support. Here at Amamoor we have a matrix of expectations that the students follow. The expectation we are focusing on for this fortnight is ‘Keep your hands and feet to yourself’. We will be discussing this in class over the next fortnight.

Reminders
Book club orders due back Wednesday the 18th February.

Auskick
Auskick will commence this Friday and will run for the next 6 weeks. It is still not too late to register your child. You can register online or in person here at the school office. Thank you very much for your support

Expression of Interest for Guitar Lessons
If you would like your child to learn the guitar, please contact the school office on 54011333. Guitar lessons will be run on Thursdays at Amamoor State School. We need a minimum of 5 students to make the lessons viable. Below are the prices for guitar lessons.

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Playgroup
Playgroup has commenced for 2015 on Tuesday mornings from 9am. Come and join the fun and make new friends. Playgroup is for ages 0-5yrs. Bring a hat, drink, snack, gold coin donation and your smile.

Camera Club
Camera club is on every Tuesday lunchtime from 1.15 – 1.45pm in the library with Rachel Howard. Students can bring their own camera and learn how to take interesting pictures. Cameras are to be left in the school office in the morning.

Craft Club
Craft club is on every Monday lunchtime from 1.15 – 1.45pm. We are in need for more helpers. If you can help please come and see us at craft club

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Email: the.principal@amamoorss.eq.edu.au
Web: http://amamoorss.eq.edu.au/wcmss/

Date Claimer
Mark your calendar with these important dates!

February
17th P & C Meeting 6.30pm
24th Parade 2.30pm
24th Leaders Ceremony 9.00am
27th Jake Garrett day

March
2nd Parent/Teacher Interviews
10th Parade 2.30pm
12th Funky hair day
24th Parade 2.30pm
20th Halogen Young Leaders conference, Yr 6- Brisbane
31st Parade 2.30pm

Support Services for Students
KIDS HELP LINE
1800 551 800
LIFELINE - 13 11 14

Do the ‘Hi
5’
1. Ignore
2. Talk Friendly
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report

Edition 2, 2015

Everyone learning, every day!
Hi all. Well so far so good as far as everyone settling back into the school routine it seems. Our new preps seem to be taking it all in their stride which is lovely to see, as is Mr Montgomery. The well oiled machine that is Amamoor State School seems to be chugging along nicely and it’s great to have our big family all back together again.

Don't Miss This.....
17th February is our first P&C meeting for the year and it is one of the most important as it's our AGM. Please come along to the library at 6:30 and help us make up the legal numbers as well as getting involved in this great little organization. If you've never been along to a meeting before then this is a great time to start. Kids are welcome to join us and we'd love to see some new faces.

Promotions
Hopefully you've all seen our wonderful new signs that have gone up around town to promote the school. There is one on the fence near the Kandanga pub sign at the Busby street intersection, which is a chalk board that we are using to keep the community informed about happenings at the school and the other is at the front of Donna Oxley's home on Black Gate Road. We hope that with the help of these signs, nobody will ever be able to say that they didn't know there was a school at Amamoor ever again!

Australia Day
Those of you who didn't make it to the Australia Day celebrations really missed out on a great day. It was wonderful to see folks come along from areas outside of Amamoor and the coverage we received in the Gympie Times was fantastic. A huge thank you must go to Cathy Forsdike who was the driving force behind it all along with Diane Cleary. Thanks also to Friends of Amamoor who joined in with the event and provided the sausage sizzle. We also had a visiting entertainer/educator, "Mourne Magic" who entertained everyone with tales of the early convicts and our rich history. Next year we hope to make it even bigger and better so be sure to mark it on your calendars now!

Wonderful Bakers
Amamoor is well known for its wonderful cooks and these great ladies never fail to delight with their delicious treats whenever we put out the word for donations. A huge thank you to all the lovely ladies that took the time to bake treats for Australia Day and the election day cake stall. We greatly appreciate all your efforts and generosity.

"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:

- **PRESIDENT**: Donna Rasmussen 5488 4956
- **VICE PRESIDENT**: Lew Cleary 5484 3057
- **SECRETARY**: Nyobie White 0448 385 665
- **TREASURER**: Diane Cleary 5484 3057
- **UNIFORM CONVENOR**: Donna Story 5484 3083
- **TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**: Donna Oxley 54843511
FOR SALE - ROLLERBLADES

All in good condition at just $5.00 / pair

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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

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.

Movies in the park
This summer, come along to one of Gympie Regional Council's 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.

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.

Girl Guides

Fun, Friends and Adventure

Want to belong to an organization with more than 10 million members in 145 Countries? Think Guides. It's more than fun and adventure - it's about developing skills in teamwork and leadership. Girls in Guiding achieve goals, improve communities and grow in confidence. It's all about being your best!

We meet at Imbil 1st Guide Hut, William Street, Imbil on Monday's 4.30 - 6pm and your Qualified Leader for Imbil is Amanda Tombs (Nara). You can contact us at 1300 GIRL GUIDES or go to Girl Guides Australia website at www.girlguides.org.au or come along to the unit.

ICY CUPS on sale every Friday Lunch time
To help raise funds for Yr 6 graduation!

Gympie Diggers FC are looking for new and returning players for the 2015 Soccer Season.
Training days are Thursdays, starting 5th March, for players from Under 6 – Senior Men and Women. All levels and abilities are welcome to our friendly club.