Welcome to another fortnight at Amamoor School. Please take a moment to have a look through the revised layout of the newsletter. I really hope you like the changes. This week is a big week for the school as on Thursday and Friday we will be having a review from the School Improvement Unit and I would like to welcome our reviewers Evan Willis and Kim Shembry.

The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review, please contact the office.

On Monday we celebrated Walk Safely to School Day. It was great to see over 30 students and a number of parents joining in and “Walking Safely to School”.

This Saturday we are having a working bee to begin to create our kitchen garden and continue to improve our grounds. All community members are encouraged to attend. BYO-gloves, gardening equipment (rakes, shovels, wheel barrows) and painting equipment. Again I would like to thank all of the volunteers that help make Amamoor a fantastic school as we strive to improve in our 4 target areas; Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance and upper 2 Bands (achieving above age level). Thankyou!!

I am also really excited to announce that at last week’s P&C meeting it was agreed that the school will proceed with the plans to air-condition the 3 classrooms, library server room and admin office at an expense of $35 000. The Amamoor P&C have agreed to contribute $10 000 toward this cost. The contractors will be hard at work over the holidays to ensure we have climate controlled classrooms from the beginning of term 3. On behalf of the students I would like to say thank you to the P&C for their support. It really is going to make a huge difference to the comfort of the students (and their principal!).

Well done Shelby!, who represented Amamoor at the Wide Bay Cross Country regional trials yesterday in Murgon.

Regards,

Adam Montgomery
Principal
The students in our P/1/2 classroom are supporting our school wide reading program by not only reading in the morning at Reading Club, but also reading at home and in school time to participate in our Gruffalo Reading Challenge. The students each have their own “Gruffalo” challenge chart and at the end of every week, the weekly total is recorded on this chart. One student actually read 13 books last week!!! What a great effort. The Gruffalo and the Gruffalo’s Child are special characters that we have been studying in our C2C English program. Nearer to the end of term 2, our class is travelling to see a performance of “The Gruffalo’s Child” at the Caloundra Events Centre. We are all looking forward to this special event.
The accompanying photo show the enthusiasm and excitement that surrounds our classroom reading program.
P&C News

It's a very exciting time for us with the realization of our long awaited vegie gardens about to become a reality. You should have received a flyer this week with all the details, but in case you missed it we'll be starting at 8am this Saturday 30th May and it would be wonderful if you could join us if even only for a few hours. The bobcat will be there doing all the heavy work but there is lots to do so everyone will be able to join in the fun. Please bring along some morning tea to share and the P&C will provide a sausage sizzle lunch. Any tools you wish to bring will be appreciated such as shovels and possible a wheelbarrow if you have means to transport one. Don't forget your gloves, hat and water bottle.

Lapathon 4th June:
This is always a great day and a wonderful fund raiser for our school. Any parents who may be able to help on the day would be greatly appreciated. P&C will provide a sausage sizzle and parents will be needed to help mark off the children's cards as they complete laps. Feel free to come in costume or a crazy hat!

Muster:
The Gympie muster is on again this August and once again Amamoor SS will be manning the gates. This year the funds raised will assist in paying for the new air-conditioning soon to be installed, so please sign on for a shift or two to help make this happen. Sarah and Chris will be taking any folks who are unfamiliar with the muster site on a pre-muster tour, so if you haven't been before and would like to know in advance how it works please let us know so we can inform you when the info session will be held.

Mini sports Day 19th June:
P&C will again be running the tuck shop for this fun sports day and any parent helpers would be greatly appreciated.

"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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Could all parents please continue to check their children for Head Lice and treat if necessary.
From the Principal

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Chappy’s Chat...

Wow, can’t believe we are already halfway through this term. Last week saw us celebrating Chappy Week, and I am sad to admit that students won the Chappy vs Students games, including lunchtime games and class games. This was an exciting time for all, with nearly three quarters of students turning up on the oval at lunchtime to race me. Thank you to all who participated, I really liked the excitement and enthusiasm that every student had during the week. I would also thank all who bought a coffee (or two) during the week at Toucan Coffee. The funds raised will really help Chaplaincy here in Amamoor, and I am excited for what next term holds with these funds becoming available. We are still working towards our Handball comp in week 10 and the students are enjoying their lunchtimes playing.

In closing, just a reminder that I am not just here for the students but also parents and the community, so if you want to chat, just see me on Tuesday’s or Wednesday’s.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

Chappy Caitlin

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

MAKING AN APPOINTMENT… Contact Josh at the GYMPIE MYCP CENTRE on 0408 701 039

A time will be made to discuss the program with you and answer any questions that you may have.

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★ 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

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To help raise funds for the grade 6 graduation

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TUCKSHOP……………….Monday’s
CRAFT CLUB……………..Monday lunchtime
CAMERA CLUB…………..Tuesday lunchtime
BREAKFAST CLUB……….Tuesday morning’s
PLAYGROUP………………Tuesday’s 9-11am
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Gympie State High School's Specialised School of Excellence for Maths and Science is a quality assured, vertically integrated program that provides specialist delivery of maths and science curriculum focused on developing higher order thinking and problem solving skills beyond the general classroom capabilities.

This differentiated program has been developed to identify, support and extend individual students who have proven academic achievements in the curriculum areas of Maths and Science beginning in the Junior Phase of Learning sustained through to the Senior Phase of Learning.

Students enrolled in the Specialised School of Excellence will remain in the same class grouping for Maths, Science and English in Years 7–9, and will have access to specialist senior teachers, Heads of Departments, academic alumni from partner universities, and tailored programs delivered both at school and off campus. In the Senior Phase of Learning, students who maintain their high level of academic achievement will be automatically entered into Maths B, Maths C, Physics, Chemistry and English Authority, where they will continue supported ensuring the broadest opportunity for university entrance in the field of maths and science.

Enrichment programs, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, are further delivered as a component of the Specialised School of Excellence, as access to a range of university recognised examinations, and international and regional competitions.

Given the level of academic rigour the Specialised School of Excellence program demands, the criteria for enrolment and retention in this program is the highest of academic achievements in the subject areas of Maths and Science, attendance, and behaviour.

For further information and or application to enrol in the Specialised School of Excellence, please contact either Warwick Truman (Head Maths) or Sandra Barry (DP Junior Secondary) at Gympie State High School 54 186 333.

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