Dear Families & Community Members

**Principals Messages**

Welcome back to term 2. We have had a fantastic start to the term and was great to see all of our students giving their all at the cross country last week. Congratulations to Bailey, Shelby, Eloise, Gracie and Cheyanne & Zaidyn who have been selected to represent Amamoor at the district trials in Gympie. Good Luck!!

Yesterday I was informed that I *have been appointed as the permanent principal here at Amamoor*. To be the principal of a school is an honour and a privilege and I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the staff and community to continue.

**Anzac Day**

It was so great to see 20 of our students march in the ANZAC Day parade at Imbil on the weekend. The respect that these students showed was commented on by numerous people at the parade. Well done students!

**It’s All About Reading at Amamoor!!!**

As I spoke about last term, we are focused on improving all of our student’s results across Literacy and Numeracy, improving attendance and the number of students in the upper 2 bands but there is one area in particular that we really want to target and that is **Reading**. This week, before school reading club commenced. All students are to check into the library when they arrive in the morning and are given the opportunity to catch up on their home reading or read extra books before school. We really need extra adult helpers to listen to all of our keen readers before school. If you have any questions, would like to discuss your child’s reading progress or can volunteer in the mornings in our reading club please contact the school.

**NAPLAN and School Photos**

We have some important dates this term. NAPLAN testing will be from 12-14 May for all year 3 and year 5 students. Students will be tested in the areas of reading, writing, grammar & punctuation, numeracy and spelling. We are also having our **school photos** taken on **Monday 18 May**.

**Welcome to Sam Catlin and Family**

Last week Sam commenced here at Amamoor State School. I would like to welcome Sam and his parents Lisa and Peter to our school and also thank all of our students for looking after them and making them feel welcome.

Again I would like to thank all of the parent and community helpers that are helping us target our key priorities – Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance and U2B (upper 2 bands – students working above age appropriate level). If you think you can assist here at the school please let us know. Thank you for your support

**Reminders**: Notes due in. Absentee notes, Life Ed notes, P/1/2 notes & Mothers Day orders. Thanks
Welcome back everyone to term 2. Even though we're only in week 2, it seems as though we've jumped in the deep end and we're back in full swing. We were blessed with a glorious day for the cross country and everyone did a fantastic job. It was great to see lots of parents there on the day cheering on the students and a big thank you to all those who helped out with the running of the event. It was also great to see a good turn out of students at the Anzac day parade in Imbil. Participating in events such as these help to instill a sense of community in our children as well as teach them first hand the importance of remembering those who gave everything so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we do living in this wonderful country.

Congratulations
On behalf of the P&C and all school families, I'd like to say a huge congratulations to Adam Montgomery for being appointed as our new permanent Principal. I think I speak for everyone when I say that we are extremely happy that Adam has been appointed to this position and we can now get on with things knowing that we have such a great principal to lead Amamoor into the future ensuring that we remain the best little school in the Mary Valley.

Gardens
Plans for the vege garden are well under way and we will be announcing a date for our first working bee to set up the site shortly. We had intended to hold the working bee straight after the holidays but things have been postponed due to my having to move house earlier than expected. Rest assured that our kitchen garden is definitely going ahead and don't forget to check those sheds for any unwanted items that we can put to good use.

"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**: Carolyn Kilpatrick 043722355
- **Secretary**: Rachel Freudenstein 0429132025
- **Treasurer**: Sam Robb 0428 742417
- **Uniform Convener**: Nikki Hadfield 0407573968
- **Tuckshop Convener**: Donna Oxley 54843511

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- **Kids blades**: 12-2....2 pr left 2-5..... 2 pr left
- **Adult blades**: UK 9 .....1pr left UK 10...2pr left
  UK 11....4pr left UK 12...1pr left

Please contact: Sam Robb...............0428 742 417
**Chappy News**

Welcome to Term 2! How term 1 flew by, yet it was full with some great things. I myself feel privileged to have met every student in the short time I have been here, even assisting with the year 5/6 excursion to Luther Heights where they learnt about teamwork, leadership and respect, and I feel a part of the school community even though I have only been here 6 weeks. Here at Amamoor, term 2 is even more exciting than term 1 was, for me especially. This term I will be running a handball comp every Wednesday lunch break, and at the end of the term we will have finals with a comp for year 5/6, one for year 3/4 and one for prep to year 2’s. Throughout the term we will be practicing and I would encourage parents to come and watch that final day. Also coming up this term is Chappy Week from the 17th-24th of May, so watch this space for more information as to what will be happening in the school during that week. I hope this term holds all that you want it to and I’m looking forward to an exciting term as a whole school. Just a final thought:

“Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be.” Rita Pierson. Can’t wait to see you around,

Chappy Caitlin

**ICY CUPS**

**on sale**

**every Friday**

**After School 3.00pm**

To help raise funds for

Yr 6 graduation!

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**Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**

In Aid of the Queensland Cancer council
28th May 2015
Entry $2.00
Kandanga Public Hall
Morning Tea & Light Entertainment
Lucky Door Prize
Raffle $1.00
Enquiries: T Gabbana
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**Mothers Day 💖**

This year the P & C have decided to hold a Mothers’ day stall with a difference. It’s an opportunity to purchase a beautiful, handmade, reusable gift for Mum and/or Grandma, Aunty etc. Order forms and money must be handed into the office by Monday the 4th May. Gifts are $5.00 each. Order 1 or order 10... it’s up to you. If you need another order form please come into the school office.

Chappy Caitlin

**TUCKSHOP……….Monday’s**
**CRAFT CLUB…………….Monday lunchtime**
**CAMERA CLUB………….Tuesday lunchtime**
**BREAKFAST CLUB…….Tuesday morning’s**
**PLAYGROUP…………….Tuesday’s 9-11am**

**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.

**Cooloola Community Toy Library**

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

**Amamoor State School**

Learn & Play
**PLAYGROUP**

- With a qualified Teacher Aide
- Bring a hat, drink, snack & a gold coin donation
- Heaps of learning & fun to be had
- Come and join us 9-11 Every Tuesday

For any enquiries call Amamoor State School on 54011333