Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

What a busy fortnight we have just had!

Muster Fundraiser: The Muster has come and gone and I cannot thank all of our fantastic volunteers enough. The Muster is our major fundraiser for the year and once again Sarah and Chris have done an amazing job organising rosters, setting up, driving buses, sorting out issues and packing up. The money raised certainly doesn’t go to waste and on behalf of the students I would like to say a huge THANK YOU!

Mary Valley Poetry Competition: This was held 2 weeks ago and the standard was incredibly high. This year we had our year 5 team’s performance broadcast on ABC radio (I have recorded it if you would like to listen), the students were then invited to perform on the Friday night at the Choo Choo Bar and then Jess, Jarrah and Sam actually went to the Muster to perform at the Crow Bar after the Poets Breakfast with 10 other students from the Mary Valley and Marco Gliori, poet. They all did so well and I was extremely proud.

Primary Maths Team Challenge: Last Friday our Mathematics team of Jarrah, Reece, Gracie, Miranda and Ben went to Gympie High to compete in the Mathematics Competition. Our team came third in the small schools competition (Schools under 250 students). This was a fantastic effort. Well done kids!

Parent/Teacher Interviews: will be held in week 9 and 10 (2 September - 19 September). This is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with the school. Notes should have come home. Please consider taking advantage of this valuable opportunity

SCHOOL CAMP: We are all set for camp. Camp is on this coming Monday. The students are all excited! Could you please ensure camp payments are made prior to camp or contact the office if you require a payment schedule. Please note that ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A NUT FREE MORNING TEA AND LUNCH FOR THE FIRST DAY.

Bush Dance: Dianne Cleary has been at the school every Friday afternoon for Bush Dance practice. The kids are having a great time learning all of the dances in preparation for the Amamoor Bush Dance held next Saturday, 10th September. Thank you Dianne and also to the families who have returned their form indicating their attendance to the night and also offers for the shared supper. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Special ‘Brazilian’ Feast: Last Friday we had Brazilian food to honour the Olympic Games. It was fantastic to see the students (and adults) trying food that they had never tasted before. Thank you to Melina, George and the Tuckshop committee for a fantastic experience.

Student Teacher: I would like to welcome Melanie Hensel to the school. Melanie is a student teacher and will be in the 5/6 class room for two weeks starting this Monday.

Thank you again to all of the volunteers that give their valuable time for the students of Amamoor State School. I look forward to giving a report about camp in next fortnight's newsletter.

Adam Montgomery
Year 5/6 Class News

Mary Valley Show

"In my garden"

Photography competition
Year 5/6 Class News

Mary Valley Show
‘In my garden’
Photography competition
Well, the Muster is over for another year. A HUGE thank you must go to Sarah and Chris and their families, who give up a whole week of their lives to run this fundraising event. They move up to the Muster site, manage the volunteers and work tirelessly around the clock, to ensure all of our children benefit from the thousands of dollars paid to the P&C for their work. The 7 families that helped from the school must also be thanked for their efforts, along with the great many community members that helped out on behalf of the school. I am sure you all had a great time, and are already looking forward to next year.

Thank you must also be said to the volunteers who helped man the Mary Valley Show gates this year. A special mention must go to the Cleary family who all pitched in and helped for the whole day. Congratulations to those children who participated in the pavilion entries and actually won a prize on the day. It was lovely to walk around the pavilion and see all of the children’s work on display.

We have finally been able to compile all of the Lap-A-thon money. Thank you to all of the families that made a real effort to gain sponsors for their children, and give them the opportunity to raise a lot of money for camp. The total amount raised by the children was $2,666.80, what a wonderful achievement! Awards will be presented for most sponsors at parade this Friday at 2:30pm.

As you are all aware, there was a new menu for Term 3 this year. It has been a great success, with orders growing every week. Melina has called a meeting for 1:00pm this Friday at the Blue and White Teapot Café for all persons who are interested in having input into the new menu for Term 4. There will be no tuckshop on this coming Monday as all the children will be on camp.

The special tuckshop held on Friday 26th August was very successful with nearly all children sampling new flavours from Brazil. There were mixed reviews but we were all very proud of the children for trying new foods with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Melina and George for making this experience possible.

There is a Father’s Day activity being held this Friday at first break (11:00am). If you can come and help please contact myself on the number listed below.

There is going to be a Kids Clothes and Toys Market on the 15th October, run by the playgroup families to raise money for new equipment in the playgroup area. They plan to have a cake stall, sausage sizzle, face painting and jumping castle along with private stalls and a school stall (donations or stall enquiries can be made to Bec on 5488 4657).

There is only a week and a half until the Bush Dance on the 10th of September. Please return the respective note sent home a couple of weeks ago, or reply to the email coming to your inbox today. We really need to know how many persons are expected to attend and what type/quantity of food you will be bringing for catering purposes.

The garden art project requires hundreds more bottle caps, or other plastic items which can be repurposed into the artwork, so please keep collecting them and send them into school with your child.

The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 13th September, 2016. We hope to see you there!

Cathy Forsdike
P & C President
0487 051 075
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, 13th September @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome (including children). Hope to see you there!

2016 Amamoor P&C Executive Committee;

PRESIDENT
Cathy Forsdike 5484 3443/0487 051 075

VICE PRESIDENT
Sarah Boody 0458 021 601

SECRETARY
Alexia Broome 5484 3120

TREASURER
(Acting) Samantha Robb 5488 4112

UNIFORM CONVENOR
Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR
Melina Larner 0402 755 102

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.

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

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

Chappy’s Chat......

Wow! I can't believe that we’re almost at the end of the term already, and more than that, it’s under a week until camp. I don’t know about you, but I’m excited. Camp is going to be an exciting time and will be a great experience for all the students. Camps are fun but also educational, so I’m excited to see what happens on camp.

I hope you are having a great week and that the term is going well for you. I can’t believe that we’re almost finished the term and then we only have one term to go until the end of the year. Where has the year gone? This is a great time of the year and we’re having a great time at school.

Have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you,

Chappy Caitlin

TUCKSHOP...................... Mondays
BREAKFAST CLUB......... Tuesdays
PLAYGROUP (9-11am)....... Tuesday mornings
TUCKSHOP ORDERS DUE.. Thursdays
SCHOOL PARADE....... Fridays @ 2:30pm
SCHOOL BANKING........... A volunteer is required to run the school student banking.
Please contact Cathy on 0487 051 075.
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2016 Annual Implementation Plan)-

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

Drumming Workshops!
with Sam Okoth from Samoko Grooves

Commencing Thurs October 6 @ 3.20pm,
Kandanga State School
Cost: $5 / session
Running every Thursday for 6 weeks culminating in a performance for the Mary River Festival on November 12, Kandanga

Children and their families are invited to take part sharing culture, learning some drumming skills and connecting to the Mary River Festival.
Please bring your drum if you have one!
Phone register interest to Lesa on 0428 193 155

JAMES NASH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS, TEACHERS & FAMILIES

Thursday 8 September at 3.30 – 5.00pm
Year 6 Parent Information Afternoon at I Block
Opportunity to find out about what James Nash SHS has to offer, ask questions and assistance with the enrolment process.

Friday 16 September by 4pm
Enrolment forms are due to the Administration Office. Please ensure the type of differentiated class expression of interest is completed on the front of the booklet.

Tuesday 18 October beginning at 3.30pm
Interviews for Programs of Excellence, including Extension Plus, Extension, Extension STEM as well as the Academy of Creative Arts auditions. Learning Support interviews will also take place. Relevant students & their families will be contacted with details.

Monday 28 November from 9.30am to 2.30pm
Year 6 students who are enrolled to attend James Nash in 2017 are invited to attend an Orientation Day. Further information will be shared with primary schools at a later date.

For more information please call the school on 54806333.
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2016 Annual Implementation Plan):

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

MARY VALLEY
BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday, 2nd September, 2016
Kandanga Hall
6.30pm til 8.30pm
$5 entry - 8 to 15 yrs old only
High school IDs needed

For more info phone: 5484 3465 or
See website for more info: mvbl.wxw.com.au