Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome to another fortnight at Amamoor State School. I am truly humbled by the amount of time spent at the school by the P&C and other volunteers to ensure our kids receive the most opportunities possible. Whether it be for the tuckshop, garden, senior student projects, cooking, banking, resource preparation, fund raising or Daily Rapid Reading, I can ensure you that all assistance is recognised and appreciated. The staff and students are extremely grateful to have all of our generous volunteers.

Reading Success: In 2016 we have had our priorities of Literacy, Numeracy, Upper 2 Bands and Attendance with a focus on improving our students reading. We have seen some incredible results around reading here at Amamoor. We have 12 students who improved their reading age by over 3 years in the last 10 months and another 14 students that have improved by 18 months or more.

Play Group: Debbie Alford has been running playgroup this year and has been doing a fantastic job supporting parents and ensuring there is engaging and educational activities for the children that attend. Debbie has decided that she would like to take a break from playgroup next year. I really want to thank Debbie for all of the effort and enthusiasm she has put into playgroup this year, I know she has a lot planned for the next 4 Tuesdays. I want to assure all playgroup parents that we will now start looking for a suitable replacement so that Amamoor Playgroup will definitely be running next year.

Remembrance Day: This Friday we will be commemorating Remembrance Day with an assembly in the under cover area adjacent to our Memorial Garden followed by a Light Horse display. All parents and community members are welcome to take time to remember with us. Parade will start at 2.00pm and the Light Horse display at 2.30pm.

Swimming Carnival: The upcoming Swimming Carnival will be held at the Kandanga Pool on Friday, 18th November. Parents, family and community members are more than welcome to come and cheer our students on as they compete with neighbouring schools Dagun and Kandanga! Reminder to parents...tuckshop orders for the Swimming Carnival are due back to school this Friday, 11th November.

Date Claimers: We have a very busy final 2 weeks of school. Here is a quick rundown of events;

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Thank you again for your continued support of Amamoor State School. I look forward to finishing the year on a positive note and seeing as many parents and community members in the school as possible. Regards,

Adam Montgomery, Principal
FEATHERED FRIENDS

PREP/1/2 HAVE BEEN READING A VARIETY OF NARRATIVE TEXTS ABOUT ANIMAL CHARACTERS THIS TERM. WE HAVE MADE OUR OWN PAPER MACHE BIRDS, WRITTEN DESCRIPTIVE SENTENCES AND CREATED INFORMATION REPORTS ABOUT THE ANIMALS IN THE STORIES.

Instructions: Use a search engine to find factual information about the animal character you have selected.

My animal character is a Nightjar.

Information about my animal:

The rust-coloured nightjar can swap day and night, being active both day and night. They eat insects.
FOX PORTraits IN CHALK PASTEL BASED OFF THE BOOK ‘FOX AND FINE FEATHERS’. ASK US ABOUT OUR WARM AND COOL COLOUR CHOICES.
AMAMOOR PLAYGROUP
End of year excursion

What a wonderful time we have had in Playgroup this year singing, dancing, moving, creating and so much more. We have made lots of lovely friends and experienced a wonderful world of learning.

What a great year we have had!

Let's celebrate with our friends!
Come join the fun!

Where: ‘The Gympie Jungle’
23 Tozer Street, Gympie
When: Tuesday, 6th December
Time: 9–11:00am
Cost: $6 per child

We would love to see you there!

Mrs Alford
Playgroup Coordinator
From the Principal

Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

Well, the Melbourne Cup is over and it’s the downhill run until school break up and Christmas! If you haven’t had an opportunity to get involved at the school yet there are still a few opportunities.

**WORKING BEE:** We will be holding a working bee on Sunday the 27th November, from 5am to 10am, with a BBQ breakfast at 7am. There will be jobs for young and old, with irrigation in the kitchen garden to go in, weeding and garden maintenance to do and some garden art projects to keep the kids happy and to brighten the fairy garden and kitchen garden areas.

**MARY RIVER FESTIVAL - SCHOOL STALL:** The school will also be having a stall at the Mary River Festival on the 12th November at Kandanga, which is being set up by the P&C. The stall will be an information booth with a display of photos of the children and the school, to help promote our wonderful little community. If you go to the Festival, make sure you check out the display!

**SCHOOL KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS:** The Kitchen Garden is full of fresh produce at the moment, including tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers and herbs, some of which is being used in the kitchen by George every Friday and some being sold at the school’s market stall. Don’t forget to hop out of your car on Fridays and come on over to the stall; we have seedlings, produce from the garden (picked lovingly by the kids) and our calico bags for sale ($6.00ea) every week. All funds raised go directly to fund the garden and cooking program for your kids.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:** It is also getting to that time of year when we are looking at getting next years preps into the classroom to get a taste for all the wonders of what the new year has in store for them. To help the new families get ready, the uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 29th of November 8:30—11:30am, to coincide with the Prep Transition Day. The uniform shop will also be open on Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20th January, 2017 (with times yet to be confirmed) to sell new uniforms along with some second hand ones at very reasonable prices. Keep your eyes open at the Friday market stall, as some of the second-hand uniforms will be on offer there too in the coming weeks!

**P&C News**

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**IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP NEWS...**

Melina is doing an amazing job of organising and running the tuckshop (with the help of her wonderful volunteers) and the kids have all been enjoying the new healthy, fresh menu. However, due to a lack of volunteers able to help on the 11:30am to 2:30pm shift, the tuckshop is decreasing it’s opening hours as of this Monday the 14th November. The full menu will still be offered for 1st break but is limited to cold food for 2nd break; sandwiches, wraps, salads, sushi and snacks, as these will be prepared in the morning and placed in the children’s classroom refrigerators until second break. **So when placing your orders tomorrow (Thursday), PLEASE NOTE:** hot food and slushies will no longer be available for 2nd break. However, if a volunteer can come into the tuckshop from 1pm to 2:30pm, we will again be able to offer ice-creams and slushies during second break.

*If you can help with this role, please call Melina on 0402 755 102.*

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*....more P&C news over the page*
From the Principal

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

In more exciting news...Amamoor School will soon have its own Facebook page to share upcoming events, information and photos. It will be managed by Mr Montgomery and will be a positive forum for promoting our school’s many great opportunities for learning and growing. There will be a permission note coming home shortly regarding the use of images/photos in social media.

Cathy Forsdike, P&C President

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday, 15th November @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome (including children). Hope to see you there!

2016 Amamoor P&C Executive Committee;

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Chappy’s Chat......

Where is the year going? It feels like just yesterday we were coming back from holidays, and now we’re getting ready for all the fun end of year activities. This is a great time of year to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened over the year and to look towards what you would like to look at for next year. The American holiday Thanksgiving is a fantastic way to actually put this into words and this year the Trailblazers Group is holding an Australian Thanksgiving BBQ on the 26th of November from 5:30pm at Miranda Downs, Park Lane, Imbil. While this is a fundraiser for Mary Valley School Chaplaincy, it’s also a great way to connect as a community and really reflect together about the year that has passed.

As we look at reflecting on the year that has been, this Friday is Remembrance Day. We have a great opportunity to remember the sacrifice that soldiers both now and in the past have shown to make sure that Australia is the great place that it is. Even though many of us have not been affected by war or any kind of great event, we are all aware of the many terror attacks and war events that are going on around the world, and it is only because of our soldiers who are willing to lay down their lives for us that we can live in this great country. All are welcome to attend this Friday at Amamoor School as we will be commemorating Remembrance Day with an assembly in the under cover area adjacent to our Memorial Garden followed by a Light Horse display. All parents and community members are welcome to take time to remember with us. Parade will start at 2.00pm and the Light Horse display at 2.30pm.

On a final note, in the first week of the school holidays for year 5 and 6 students, there is a Scripture Union camp being run at Apex campsite at Mudjimba from Monday to Friday. This will be a fun filled 5 days full of exciting trips and great friendships. If you are interested in learning more about the camp please do not hesitate to see me around school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, or you can learn more at: http://sucamps.org.au/camps/summersplash16/

Hope that you have a great week!
Looking forward to seeing you around the school...Chappy Caitlin
From the Principal

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LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something...? Parents please check the lost property box regularly to locate any lost clothing, hats, lunchboxes, water bottles etc. at the front of B block.

Handy tip...please name ALL clothing/lunchboxes so it is easy for children and staff to find the owners!! Thank you 😊

ICY CUPS

ON SALE

EVERY FRIDAY

AFTER SCHOOL @ 3pm

To help raise FUNDS for the grade 6 Graduation

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GYMPIE REGIONAL GALLERY NEWS...

A wonderful exhibition of illustrations by renowned children’s author and illustrator Shaun Tan is coming to the Gympie Regional Gallery from 23 November – 7 January. To celebrate this there will be a special Story Time session at the Gallery read by professional library staff. These are on Fridays, 2, 9, 16 December starting at 9.30am. Official opening is on Saturday 26 November at 1.30pm.

Holiday Fun will be happening over summer holidays. Lots of creative workshops with things to make and do. Brochure will be out late November and check out holidayfun.com.au

Quirky exhibition called “A Sense Of Wonder” by two sisters tells the story of a crazy house full of animals and walls full of art. Official opening is on Saturday 26 November at 1.30pm. All are welcome to this free event. Refreshments served. Exhibition is on view until 21 January.

GYMPIE PINES GOLF COURSE

FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

Gympie Pines Golf Course is offering free junior clinics on a Sunday morning
9am to 10am with Pat Jones or 3pm to 4pm with Ellesha Michie.

If you have any queries please contact Ellesha on 0411 515 402.

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

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Reminder for everyone..... If you have changed address, phone number (including mobile) or have a new email address or any other information that enables us to contact you more easily, please notify the school office on...

5401 1333 Thank you! 😊

MESSAGE TO PARENTS - PAYING STUDENT INVOICES VIA BPAY/BPOINT

When paying student invoices via BPay or BPoint please remember to pay each child separately using their ‘unique’ student ID reference on the invoice - BPoint can be located on the bottom left hand side of the invoice and BPay on the lower right hand side. This will help ‘match’ your payments to each child’s invoice. Thank you in advance, Lisa (Admin)
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Mary Valley Blue Light

**DISCO**

**Fri 18 November**

Games and Activities
Food and Drinks Available
Lucky Door Prizes
6.30 - 8.30 pm
Kandanga Hall

For more info phone: 5484 3445
www.mvbbl.com.au
Follow us on Facebook!

Mary River Festival

**SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2016**
Kandanga, Mary Valley, 11:30am - 7:30pm

THE BARRY CHARLES BAND
STRANGEST DREAMERS, BEN BARKER, ASTOWARE
SAMOKO GROOVES, MISS LEADING, MATT JOHNSTONE
FEARNLEY & WELLS, WHISKEY & ME, GEORGE & THE HEARTBEATS
2 STROKES BLUES, MINGOC CHOIR, RUSA TUBA, HERB FEMM

KANDANGA HALL from 8.30pm, LICENCED BAR & LIVE MUSIC

MATT STILLERT
NICK McCOMBE BAND
FLOATING BRIDGES

Friends of Amamoor Community BBQ

Christmas Tree Competition

Amamoor Hall
Saturday 26 November 2016

Sections
Large Tree
Table Centre Decoration
Small Tree

Bring your creative flair to win "Prizes"
Free Registration
Decorate from 4 to 6 pm - BYO tree / decorations / lights
OR
Join in the fun and vote for your favourite tree with a gold coin
Viewing opens at 6 pm - Entry free
Free Sausage Sizzle. Bring a salad or desert to share.
Lights, Prizes and Raffle draw at 7 pm.

For more information
Call Eleanor
5484 3360
email Friendsofamamoor@gmail.com

MARY VALLEY TRAILBLAZERS

Thanksgiving BBQ
In support of Mary Valley School Chaplaincy
Saturday 26 Nov 2016
from 5:30pm
Venue: Miranda Downs, Park Lane, Imbil
BBQ dinner, dessert and drinks for sale
Entertainment includes: Bush Ballads, Mystery Auction and kids and family activities
Contact details: info@maryvalleytrailblazers.com.au
Or Ph: John or Judy Kropp 5484 5290