Welcome to another fortnight at Amamoor State School. We are now into week 4 of Term One and all students are in classes working hard and following our 3 school rules – Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect School and Community.

Our school priorities...
This year our priorities are the same – Literacy, Numeracy, Upper 2 Bands (students working about their age level) and attendance and community engagement.

P&C Meeting: Last night at the P&C meeting it was very exciting to talk about plans for 2016. The first major change will commence this Friday. This term we are trialling Friday activities. The activities will run from 11.30-1.00 every Friday this term. We have a number of parents volunteering to assist us with three activities - gardening, cooking and taking children on excursions to local food producers. If you think you can help out please let us know and if you haven't filled out your child/ren’s permission form please do so as soon as possible.

School Gardens: Well we've gone global! Knockadea School in Ireland has seen our Kitchen Garden Facebook page and has requested us to be partner schools to share photos and ideas which is a fantastic learning opportunity for the students of both schools. Watch this space!

The grounds and gardens are starting to look fantastic. Last Friday all students in the school were busy preparing the garden beds for upcoming plantings. Last weekends working bee really made a huge difference to the kitchen garden. We now have 8 new garden beds in the vegetable garden and this weekend soil will be placed into the new beds bringing the total number of garden beds to 18. Thank you to the garden committee for all of their work. If you would like to “adopt” a garden bed to maintain, it would really help our groundsman out. Please let me know if you are interested.

Parade: There will now be a weekly parade every Friday afternoon from 2:30pm. All parents and community members are welcome to come and hear the latest news about the school and watch students receiving awards. There will be special parade for our Year 6 student leaders on Monday, 29th February at 9:00am. All parents, family and community members are more than welcome to attend this special event.

Outside Hours Care: I have sent home a survey today for parents to see how much interest there is from parents for us to trial an ‘outside hours care program’ from 3:00-6:00pm Monday to Friday. It would be a fully registered and insured service where students are provided with afternoon tea and a planned program.

AFL Auskick: Auskick starts tomorrow for registered players. Sessions will be held at school from 1:00 to 1:45pm on the school oval and run for six weeks. Cost is $75. If you miss the first session, registrations will be accepted anytime. Extra information forms are available at the school office (to register online). Please make sure and hand in a copy of your registration confirmation to the school office.

Thank you again for your support.

Adam Montgomery
Write On!

The P-1-2 Class have been using Valentine's Day as an excuse to get our writing groove on! The Preps have begun stretching out the sounds in words and using those sounds to write letters. While our Year 1s are mastering the art of the perfect sentence and are rocking some great spelling, capital letters and full stops. The Year 2s are steaming ahead by writing sentences using the word 'because' to justify their opinions. They have made these little Love Monsters to showcase their work.

I love Emily.

I love Dad, Mum, God and Scruffy.

Check out our writing. Wow!
I love my dog because it is furry.

I love my family because they are kind.

I love Mya because she is a nice friend.

I love my brother because he is the best brother ever.

Happy Valentine's Day from P.1-2
Last night saw the first P&C meeting held for the year and it looks like another productive year is ahead of us. If you haven't made it to a meeting before but have always meant to come, please place next month’s meeting on your calendar as this is our AGM and it's very important that we have as many join us as possible. Next meeting is Tuesday, 15th March at 6:30pm. More info about what we'll be discussing will be sent home to everyone in the coming weeks.

**Kitchen Garden:** The working bee for the Kitchen Garden last weekend produced huge results! Thank you to those who were able to attend. We now have 8 more beds in the kitchen garden so lots of wonderful produce will be planted over the coming weeks. The kids will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labour during Friday cooking sessions and any excess produce will be sold through the Dagun Markets. However, this is our school community garden so if any families would like any of our produce, you are welcome to enjoy it in return for a small donation. Funds raised are returned directly to the garden to ensure we remain self sustaining.

**Garden Committee:** A small group of garden Mums have formed a committee to help steer the direction of the gardens and ensure that it is productive. We welcome any other parents or community members that would like to be involved and invite you to join us at our next meeting which will be held at The Blue and White Teapot at 1pm this Friday. We'll be discussing what to plant over the coming weeks and other details for ‘Friday Fun Day’ activities.

**Mother’s Day Stall:** This year we hope to have another great Mother’s Day Gift sale for the students. Last year’s was a great success so we’re looking to do it again this year along the same format. We need someone to take on the organisation of this annual event, so if you are interested, please speak to either Donna, Rachel or Adam for more details.

**AGM P&C Meeting:** Please join us for the AGM, followed by a P&C Meeting, on Tuesday 15th March @ 6:30pm in the school library. All welcome, including children!

Regards,

Donna Rasmussen

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Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2015 Annual Implementation Plan):

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

Country Kitchens Program Given Green Light!
Funding for a program to improve the health of families by developing their cooking skills has been approved by Queensland Health Minister Cameron Dick. The QWCA Country Kitchens program will support people to develop confidence and practical cooking skills and then take these skills and use them in their home kitchen to prepare healthy meals.

We have been given a great opportunity as the Country Kitchen QWCA program has united with the Girl Guides of Imbil to introduce this.

On the 3rd March at 9.00 am you are most welcome to attend at the Girl Guide Hut William Street Imbil. It will only cost you $10.00 for the day. Everything will be provided for you just need to attend. You will have to be quick as there are a limited 20 places available.

Please contact Amanda Tombs 0407128915 or Jenece Drake 0407636289.

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 Every Tuesday
★ With a qualified Teacher Aide
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Mary Valley Pony Club (Imbil)
Come and try day!
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Members and non-members welcome!
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Members $15.00 / day
Enquiries: Chris 5488 6831 or 0458 931 918

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SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2016
7:30pm START – DOORS OPEN 7:00pm
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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS $6.00
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GUITAR TEACHER
Rob Wilson has recently moved into our area 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.

If your child would like to learn guitar after school please call Rob to secure your booking or for more information….

Phone 5488 4510

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