Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

Welcome to week 8 at Amamoor State School. We have had another busy fort-night which culminated in our hat parade last Friday. It was really fantastic to see all of the students wearing their creations and being recognised for their efforts in reading.

Today is ‘International Children’s Day’ and it makes me reflect on the purpose of schools. Here at Amamoor we always focus on keeping the child at the centre of everything we do to ensure that we are “Learning, Working and Growing together to ensure every student is learning every day”. In doing this I also must thank the many volunteers that add to the day to day experience for our students. Whether it is as someone to hear them read every day, cook and serve at the tuckshop, assist with cooking and gardening lessons, assist with working bees or participate in fundraising activities to purchase resources. All of us in the school community are here for one reason only and that is the children. We are here to provide a supportive and challenging environment and provide engaging activities to ensure our students are developing to their full potential.

On behalf of the students I would like to say thank you to the staff and volunteers that make Amamoor such a fantastic school!

**HRE & Spinal Awareness Visit:** On Friday, 10th June we will be having a visit from SEAT (Spinal Education Awareness Team) to talk to all students about preventative measures to prevent a spinal injury. We are also having a visit from ‘True’ for the Prep/1/2 and year 5/6 class to discuss protective behaviours (P/1/2) and puberty and reproduction (5/6). If you would like any further clarification please contact me at the school.

**School Lap-a-thon:** It is on again! The Lap-a-thon will be held on Friday, 17th June to raise money for class excursions and the bi-annual camp. All students should have a sponsorship card and be out collecting sponsors (more forms available at the school office). Good Luck!

**Dental Van Visit:** The Gympie School Dental Service has arrived at Amamoor School, offering free dental check-up appointments to ALL students. Parent Consent Forms were issued last fortnight. If you wish for your child/ren to visit this free service, please complete the reverse side of the CDBS colour flyer and the Medical History form (if you have more than one child complete the Medical History form for your eldest child) and return both forms to School before this Friday, 3rd June and the school dental staff will contact you in due course to arrange a suitable appointment time.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Adam Montgomery

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.
Medieval Castle

The students have built a fabulous castle in the classroom. They are learning about how people lived in medieval times.
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

History Research

Food Medieval People Ate...

My Question:

Who, What, Where, When, Why, What vegetables did medieval people eat?

Answer:

Medieval people ate fava beans, chickpeas, and cabbage, and also garlic, onions, and carrots.

My Question:

Who, What, Where, When, Why, How did medieval people make bread?

Answer:

They made bread from rye and wheat. They used the bread for about some times.
The first day of Winter but who would know it! However, it is great growing weather for the garden and orchard; if you haven’t been in the garden for a while ask your kids for a tour, I am sure they will very proudly show you around. The last two Fridays have seen the children not working in the garden but on excursions; a big thank you to Steve Burgess for his tour/lesson at Amamoor Creek with the 5/6 class and farmer John Tidy for his farm tour with the year 3/4 class. All of the students had wonderful feedback about these enriching outings. The Prep/1/2 students will be going this Friday, the 3rd June, to the Alpaca farm. If you can help transport the kids please let Adam know. Next Friday the 10th June the Friday Activities will rotate back to the Year 5/6 class doing cooking and gardening. As always, helpers are needed on the day so please let me know if you can help out from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

GARDEN ART PROJECT

The garden art project requires hundreds more bottle caps, or other plastic items which can be repurposed into the artwork. Items such as chip-n-dip platters (shaped like flowers) or other plastic bowls/platters can be used for the flowers, butterflies etc. The initial concept design is pictured below, and as you can see it will be a fun, colourful design that the children will have a lot of fun making. So get your friends and family to start saving those plastic lids etc, wash them and bring them into your student’s classroom for collection for the project.

The notes regarding the Lap-a-thon and Mini Sports Day were sent home last week. If you didn’t receive one please see the office ASAP as the tuckshop orders for Mini Sports will close at the end of this week. We will also be needing helpers on the day, so please put the dates in your diary and plan to come along for some great fun.

It is nearly Muster time again, and as our major fundraiser we hope as many families as possible can get involved in some way. There will be a meeting held next Tuesday, 7th June at 3:00pm regarding the new contract with the Muster Committee and our responsibilities, as things have changed this year. An email will then be sent out to all families asking for a commitment from individuals in terms of what day and time you can work. Remember, for completing a 6 hour shift you are entitled to an entry ticket to enjoy the entertainment yourself.

Keep your eyes open for the new tuckshop menu too! This will be coming home in the next week. To keep in line with the new government regulations and to encourage healthy eating habits, we are getting rid of all the frozen processed items such as wedges, pies, pizzas, chicken tenders etc and bringing in all freshly made/homemade items such as meatballs, roast vegies, fried rice, zucchini pies and lots more. To ensure the tuckshop runs efficiently and is cost effective, all orders will need to be placed by the Thursday prior to the Mondays tuckshop. As the new menu will be effective as of next Term, all orders for the first week back will need to be placed in the last week of this term. See the note being sent home for more details.

......more P&C news over the page
Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2016 Annual Implementation Plan)-

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- Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

......more P&C news below

We are looking for someone interested in taking over the School Banking from Courtney Lawler, who is currently co-ordinating the school banking for our students. We are also looking for someone to step up and take on the role of Treasurer for the P&C. The person who takes on the role does not have to have experience in this type of position, as they will be supported by the past two friendly treasurers if required.

The next P&C meeting will be held 21st June. The school camp will be discussed so please come along to help brainstorm funding ideas and decide on a destination. We hope to see you there!

Cathy Forsdike, P&C President

Next P&C Meeting: Please join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday, 21st June @ 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......

Wow!...where to begin? First of all, thank you to everybody who used our Chappy Coupons to buy a coffee/hot drink at Toucan Coffee during Chappy Week. We have raised so much money just by people using one of those coupons every time they purchased a drink. It means so much to all the chaplains in the area, especially me!

Then, last weekend a team of enthusiastic riders rode a spin bike for my chaplaincy service both here and at Jones Hill. Not only did we raise an incredible amount of over $1200 but this amazing team rode the furthest with an astonishing total of 27.5km in 30 minutes. This means that we then received an extra $500 and we have bragging rights for the next 12 months with an awesome trophy and medals to go with this. I have already been informed that this team will be riding again next year, despite the fact that none of us could walk for the days after.

Have a fantastic week!
Looking forward to seeing you,

Chappy Caitlin

“Here is the Spin-Off team that raised so much money, just after they completed their 27.5km”!
From the Principal

Our School Expectations
Respect Self
Respect Others
Respect School and Community

Mary Valley Stags
Rugby League Club

Present

2016 Heritage Game
4th June @ 3.00pm
Kandanga – Jack Spicer Oval

Original Design 1950’s Jerseys

Please join us to celebrate the history of Rugby League in the Mary Valley. The boys will be playing in original design 1950’s jerseys which will be available for auction at the Kandanga Country Club after the game.

1.30pm Div2 Pomona-Cooran v Palmwoods
3.00pm Div2 Mary Valley v Yandina

Canteen & Licensed
Bar Available
Kids Jumping Castle

Proudly sponsored by Wide Bay Contracting

Mary Valley Blue Light

Disco
Friday 10th of June
Kandanga Hall

Drop off: 6.30 pm
Pick up: 8.30 pm
$5 entry
8 to 15 years only
High school ID’s needed

For more info phone Trish Cadman: 5444 3905 or check out our website: mvlfc.com.au

GYMPIE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

2016 Junior Secondary Showcase Evening

When: Tuesday 7th June from 3pm – 7pm
Where: Year 7 Precinct

Find out why Gympie High School is the school of choice for Junior Secondary

Tours of the school lead by Junior Secondary Leaders at 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Information sessions from 6pm onwards
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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 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

TUCKSHOP.................Mondays
BREAKFAST CLUB.......Tuesdays
PLAYGROUP (9-11am)....Tuesday mornings
SCHOOL BANKING.......Fridays (please place bank deposit books in office mailbox)
SCHOOL PARADE.......Fridays @ 2:30pm

Cooloola Community Toy Library
PHONE 0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie  Q  4570
or back street entrance (Opp IGA)
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James Nash Enrolment Information for 2017

2017 Enrolments are now open for current Year 6 students wishing to enrol at James Nash State High School. The following information is for interested parents and students. Please note that James Nash SHS is now offering a STEM Extension class as well as Extension Plus, Extension, Essentials (Mainstream), Learning Support and Structured Learning class offerings.

Date Claimers:

Beginning Week 8  |  Administration personal and former students will begin visiting the feeder primary schools. Enrolment and scholarship packages will be distributed. Information about the school and class offerings will be explained.
14 June  |  James Nash SHS Open Day – evening for parents and students to attend to learn more about the school. Evening will begin at 5pm at the PA block and then parents/students will be taken on a tour of the school visiting the various faculties. The evening will conclude at 8pm in I block for a final opportunity to ask questions.
22 July  |  Scholarship and ACA applications are due at the Administration building.
5 August  |  Scholarship winners announced.
16 September  |  Enrolment booklets are due at James Nash Administration.
18 October  |  Extension Plus and Extension interviews – any student applying for either Extension Plus, Extension (STEM), Extension or Learning Support classes will be asked to attend these interviews (information regarding this will be forwarded to the relevant student and their families).
28 November  |  Enrolled students for 2017 are invited to spend a day at James Nash for their Orientation Day.

Additional Class Offering for 2017

In addition to our Extension Plus and Extension class options, James Nash is pleased to offer an additional offering to their differentiated program. In 2017 James Nash will be introducing an exciting new option for our Year 7 students. To align with contemporary Australian Curriculum directions we will be offering one of its Extension Classes as an Extension STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) class. This class will not only cover the Year 7 Australian Curriculum but will offer a very deliberate STEM Problem Solving approach to learning. This class will target students who have a passion for STEM subjects. These Extension STEM students will complete their digital technologies elective with a clear focus on Coding and Robotics and will study a specialist STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) elective in Year 8.

Interested students will need to apply for the Extension STEM option in the school’s enrolment package and be willing to attend an interview on 18 October.

Holiday Fun!  Gympie Regional Council is providing the perfect excuse to get out of the house these school holidays with the Holiday Fun Program. The Holiday Fun program offers a range of budget friendly, new and fun activities for kids of all ages. For all the different activities, dates and times check out holidayfun.com.au or call Council on 1300 307 800. Bookings are essential, so save your spot now! So get out and about these school holidays and have some fun for the whole family!

Activities for school age children these holidays:  Cooking with Mack the Chef (Gympie) 10 – 17 years;  Gympie Jungle (Gympie) 4 – 10 years;  Come and try Squash (Gympie) 8 – 17 years;  How to make a comedy film (Gympie) 10 – 17 years;  Inflatable Castle, Bungee Basketball, Giant Games and Tie Dye (Kandanga) Under 17 years