Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

This will be the last newsletter for term two and we are in the middle of an extremely busy fortnight that includes Lap-a-thon, AFL Gala Day, Mini Sports, HRE visits, Sea Life (Underwater World) excursions and report cards. I can assure you that we are definitely “Learning, Working and Growing Together to ensure that Everyone is Learning Every Day”.

As of today our attendance figure for 2016 is 93.5%. This is below our target of 95%. Could I please encourage all families to continue to ensure all students are coming to school every day, “Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a school, on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse”. When students are absent from school a parent MUST contact the school to confirm their child’s absence for that day.

As always our priorities are Literacy, Numeracy, Upper two Bands (working above age appropriate level) and attendance. I must say we are seeing some really outstanding results! I have been particularly pleased with the improvement in reading across all year levels and we now have three new volunteers assisting with our Daily Rapid Reading bringing the total number of volunteers to seven. The school has committed $20 000 in teacher aide wages for the year to support student learning and it is only through the commitment and generosity of our volunteers that we are able to provide the Daily Rapid Reading program to so many students.

Report cards will be sent home next Wednesday, 22nd June. Please remember if your child gets a Sound (Yr1-3) or a C (Yr 4-6) for achievement then they are achieving at the targeted year level and it is definitely not a cause for concern. If you have any issues or questions regarding your child’s report card, please make a time to speak to their classroom teacher.

Finally, I would just like to thank all members of the Amamoor State School community for a positive and productive term. I hope everyone has an enjoyable final 2 weeks of term and a safe break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school healthy and rested for next term.

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.
The 2/3 class are exploring historical events and how these events have shaped our country, Australia.

The arrival of the First Fleet has been our focus, and the students have been listening to historical recounts of the convicts.

The students have enjoyed listening to "Eliza Bird, Child Convict," and following her sad story.

The newsletter photo spread shows examples of 6 character "stretchies." The paper stretchies cut out to show 6 characteristics of the chosen convict & groper.
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My picture is of a trooper called Andrew and he is one of the men who looked after the convicts. He was also one of the cooks on the ships that were going to Australia. The ships were going to Australia to transport convicts that stole and murdered. The convicts set up a colony called a Penal Settlement. There were more than 1000 convicts on 11 ships.

Scott.

We are learning about convicts and my convict is Benjamin. Benjamin had been sent to jail in London when he was 12 years old for stealing a loaf of bread to feed himself because he was hungry. Now he is 19 years old and has been sent from London to Australia for murder of a guard. He stole some food off another convict and was almost hung.

Maverick.

My trooper is called Mitchell. He worked for Governor Arthur Phillip. He came over to Australia on the First Fleet. He was born in England and he came to Australia to guard the prisoners. They wear a blue and red uniform. The colours show the rank they are.

He lives in Sydney because that is where the penal colony was being built.

Mitchell.
Only a week and a half to go until holidays, and what an action packed week we will be having! This Friday morning will be the Lap-A-Thon, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Why not join the kids in fancy dress and run along for fun! It is also not too late to drum up some last minute sponsors, remember that all funds raised go directly to funding the school camp - the more money the kids raise the less parents will have to pay!

Friday afternoon will see the year 3/4 class cooking and gardening. Helpers are needed for both of these activities from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm.

Next week on Thursday 23rd June, the Mary Valley Mini Sports Carnival will be held at Amamoor. It is always a fun day out; ask Grandparents and other family or friends to come along and help you cheer on the kids. The P&C will be running a canteen on the edge of the oval, and would appreciate help on the day, so come on over, lend a hand and have a laugh with the other parent helpers.

On Saturday July 2nd, which is the weekend right in the middle of the holidays, it is the Federal Election and we will be holding a cake stall at our school. Cake stalls are a very easy way to raise large sums of money, as there are no costs involved and the community loves to support our school by buying lovely home baking. Therefore, it is very important that we get as much home baking as possible on the day. It is a very busy time of year I know, but if everyone can start baking now it would be greatly appreciated. Cakes, biscuits and slices freeze very well, and if you don’t have the freezer room please contact me and I will store it for you. Please keep your eyes open for a note coming home this week about the cake stall.

The Muster Committee has been in contact with Sarah and the school in regards to our contract with them, and they are still working on the new conditions. Keep your diaries open for the weekend of the Muster and please fill in a slot or two on the roster when it comes home in your child’s homework folder.

The garden art project requires hundreds more bottle caps, or other plastic items which can be re-purposed into the artwork, so please keep collecting them and send them into school with your child. The P&C are also desperately looking for one or more persons to step up and take on the role of tuckshop convener. The role requires someone to collate the orders collected on a Thursday, shop for the required items, and ensure there is enough home baking in the freezer to fill orders. The P&C are very willing to work with the convener/s to ensure their job is as easy as possible, and welcome applicants from the school and wider community. Please feel free to call me for any further information.

We are still 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
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….more P&C news over the page
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, 21st June @ 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

**SECRETARY**
Alexia Broome 5484 3120

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Brendan Edwards 0417 757 397

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**
Donna Oxley

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M O N S T E R  C E N T S A L E

**DATE:** 16TH JULY 2016 @ KANDANGA PUBLIC HALL

**DOORS OPEN** 12noon for a 1:00pm start

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE AND A DELICIOUS AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED**

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON WITH FRIENDS**

**LOADS OF PRIZES** TO BE WON

In aid of Kandanga Public Hall & Kandanga Swimming Club

**ENTRY:** $5.00 adults / $2.00 students

Enq: K Worth 54843493 / T Gabbana 54843465
and D Cleary 54843057
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN @ GYMPIE REGIONAL GALLERY**
Come to the Gympie Regional Gallery these school holidays for some creative fun. There are lots of workshops for kids aged from 6 years and up with many different things to make and do. Prices range from $8-$20 for non-members or $6-$15 for Friends of the Gallery members. Places are limited so jump onto holidayfun.com.au for a full list of what’s on and call 5481 0733 to book your place.

**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

**Cooloola Community Toy Library**
Phone 0448 826 762
214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie Q 4570 or back street entrance (Opp IGA)

**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

**ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL:** Don’t forget we are having a cake stall here at Amamoor School on Saturday, 2nd July starting at 8:00am. Please feel free to contact Cathy Forsdike on 0487 051 075 if you can help by making cakes, slices, biscuits, scones, pikelets, fudge etc. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!