

A m a r o o N e w s l e t t e r

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No Child Left Behind

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Now that winter has found us, it is good to see the paddocks greening up after a long dry summer and autumn. I hope everyone is staying warm.

REPORT WRITING TIME

It is now half way through the term and teachers are busily writing reports for students. Once reports are completed it is also a time we review our performance as a school. I continue to be impressed with the quality of work I am seeing in classrooms.

TERRIFIC IMPROVEMENTS

In recent weeks I have written a lot about the importance of wearing school uniform. It is wonderful to see this improve across the school. There are now smaller numbers of students who are wearing items of clothing which are not school uniforms. I am sure this is set to improve even more.

WAPPA CONFERENCE

Next week from Wednesday to Friday I will be attending the annual Western Australian Primary Principal's conference. This conference is an opportunity to be updated on the latest developments in education. I look forward to bringing back some good ideas and innovations which can add to the great work we already do at Amaroo.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The Active After School Sports program is held in the afternoon after school on Tuesday's for years 3 and 4 and Wednesday's for years 5 and 6. It lasts for an hour and afternoon tea is provided. There are still some places available and it is a great time to do some fun activities. If you are interested, obtain a form from the front office.

HUMAN SWINE FLU

There has been a lot of information in the press about this and what to do if you think you might have been exposed to it. If you have any concerns or queries you can call the national hotline:- 1802007 or visit

<http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/>

Enjoy the busy times we have ahead.

Colin Chisholm

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 th June	Assembly Room 6 Year 4
5 th June	School Banking
12 th June	Amaroo Cross Country
19 th June	Kindy 2010 Enrolment Day 9:00am to 11:00am at Amaroo Kindy



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ASSEMBLY

Ms Malatesta's room 6 year 4 class will be hosting the assembly tomorrow commencing at 9:00am.

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along. *Please remember to turn off your mobile phones and listen carefully at all times.*

AMAROO KINDY OPEN MORNING 19TH JUNE 2009

Amaroo Kindy will be holding an open morning for prospective and interested parents and students for the 2010 school year. You are invited to visit our Kindy on Jones Street Collie, on Friday, 19th June 2009, between 9:00am and 11:00am.

This will give you the opportunity to;

- Meet the staff
- Have a look at the centre
- See the fantastic work our current Kindy students have done
- Have any queries answered
- Complete the enrolment process

Students who are eligible to attend Kindy in 2010 will have a birth date between July 1st 2005 and June 30th 2006.

Your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisations details will need to be sighted/copied if you want to enrol.

Please pass this information onto anyone in the community you think may be interested in coming to have a look.



ENROLMENTS 2010

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindy, Pre Primary, Koolbardi and Year 1 for 2010. Please call the school to arrange for an enrolment package to be sent out, alternatively packages can be collected from the front office.

AMAROO CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual School Cross Country will be held on Friday, 12th June.

The timetable is as follows. Please note that these are estimated times only.

11.45am	Year 5 boys
12.00 noon	Year 5 girls
12.15pm	Year 3 and 4 boys
12.30pm	Year 3 and 4 girls
1.45pm	Year 6 boys
1.50pm	Year 1 and 2 boys and girls
2.00pm	Year 6 girls
2.20pm	Year 7 boys
2.35pm	Year 7 girls

This is a compulsory part of the school program and all children are expected to take part. At Amaroo we all compete, but can complete the course at our own rate. There is no expectation that children must run the whole journey.

We are aware that the foggy and smoky conditions that we have been experiencing lately can affect children who have asthma. Please ensure that if your child is affected by these conditions they have their Ventolin Puffers with them for the day.

SPONSORSHIP

We are also extending an invitation to business and families to sponsor our school cross country team. In recognition of your



sponsorship, your business name will be printed on the back of the shirts to be worn by our students at their Interschool Cross Country events. If you would like to sponsor the team, please contact the school with your business details as soon as possible.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

School Contributions are now due for all students.

Parents can pay their child's contribution as well as any other amounts e.g. Cooking, at the office. EFTPOS facilities are available.

Thank you to the parents who have promptly paid their fees for 2009.

DEPUTY NEWS

VIRTUES PROJECT

The Virtue for the month of June is **RESPONSIBILITY**. This links in with the Organisation Key to Success which the students in Years 1 -3 are looking at this term. To help you talk to your children about this virtue, there is a mini fridge poster attached to this newsletter.

Some questions to guide your discussion;

- What is the responsible way to respond when you make a mistake?
- What is the Teachable moment when someone:
 - forgets their homework?
 - doesn't do a chore they have promised to do?
 - tells a secret they promised not to tell?
 - broke a promise to bring back a borrowed toy?
- What are some ways to make amends for these mistakes?

- What does it feel like inside when you do something wrong?
- What does it feel like inside when you admit responsibility?
- What are some things you are responsible for now, that you weren't when you were younger?
- What is a teacher responsible for? What is a student responsible for?

Quotable Quotes -

"Life doesn't require that we be the best - only that we try our best."

H. Jackson Brown, Jnr.

"To live is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often."

Henry Cardinal Newman

"A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else."

Anonymous

YOU CAN DO IT

For the next fortnight the junior students will be learning about Organisation. Some of the ORGANISED catch phrases being taught during these weeks are; *Distraction Subtraction! Hocus Focus! Believe in yourself, Is it realistic? Do it for the right reasons, Commitment! Defeating Distractions.*

PARENT PLANNER - CHANGE TO ASSEMBLY DATES

Please note the following changes to the term planner:

The assembly on the 18th June will now be hosted by Year 1 - Rm 16 (Not room 17) This is due to the change of dates for the Collie Cross Country.

Year 1 - Rm 17 will now host the assembly on 3rd December (Week 8 - Term 4).



HEADLICE

Thank you to all parents who continue to regularly check their child/ren's hair and administer the appropriate treatment as necessary.

In addition, we request that all hair is tied up in a **plait**, as this deters the Nits.

Students who are found to have live lice will continue to be sent home until they have been treated.

CHICKENPOX (VARICELLA)

We have recently been informed about some cases of Chickenpox within our school community. Chickenpox is a common, acute, viral infection. Symptoms include fever, fatigue and a generalised rash characterised by small blisters that rupture to form crusts.

In cases of chickenpox, the school will follow the guidelines set out in the Communicable Disease Guidelines 2007, produced by the Department of Health, which states that individuals are to be excluded until well and for at least 5 days after the rash appears and the blisters have formed crusts.

If you suspect that your child has chickenpox, please seek medical advice.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any school uniforms that are no longer of use to you, we would greatly appreciate any donations especially as the wet weather is on its way. Please hand any uniform donations into the office. Thank you to those parents that have already done this.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property will be put onto the stage after tomorrow's assembly. Please have a look to see if your child/ren has

mislaid anything. There are a large number of unclaimed items, including jumpers and jackets. If you haven't already done so, please try to label your child/ren's clothing to make identification and return easier. Thank you.

LEARNING FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Smith Family have Learning For Life Scholarships available to assist Collie primary school students. The eligibility criteria is a Health Care or Pension Concession card and a commitment to your child's education. Scholarships can assist with the cost of Uniforms, Education, Fees and Excursions.

For further information please contact your school or call The Smith Family Collie Office on 9734 4260

I hope you have a lovely week.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart
Pastoral Care

DANCESPORT

HUMPHREYS DANCESPORT



Week 9 of this term (22nd June to 26th June) we will have two instructors from Humphreys Dancesport at Amaroo. All students in Year 1 to 7 will have one lesson each day where the students will learn a

variety of dances; ballroom, latin, street latin, hip hop, line dancing and folk dances are included in the program. Friday night students will be invited to attend a social where they can demonstrate what they've learnt during the week. More details on the social will be available later in the term.

The cost is \$25.00 per student for the week. Families who have more than two



children will only have to pay a total of \$50.00 per family (4 students \$12.50 /student, 3 students \$16.70/student). Payments can be made at the office or through the classroom teacher and should be finalised by Friday, 19th June. Students who have **not paid** for their lessons **will not** be able to attend the Friday Night Social. Please remember that we have EFTPOS facilities available at the office. Parents are welcome to pay off this amount through the office, however arrangements need to be made before Dancesport begins.

Humphreys instructors present a brilliant program and the children will learn valuable social skills in addition to some new physical skills. This is a compulsory part of the school curriculum in Health and Physical Education as outlined in the School Contributions list that all parents received last year.



MS READATHON



Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools and children across Australia have read to help people with multiple sclerosis (MS). Students, parents and grandparents can get involved, here's how:-

Click online for free registration and receive an MS Readathon wristband. Flick (read) through books from 1st -30th June

(you can count books from other reading programs too). Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards. Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.

Registration forms can also be obtained from the school front office.

Bonus! Once 20 students from our school register online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a Penguin book pack for the library- it's free to register online, just check with mum or dad first.

Kelly Fox
Library Officer

SCHOOL BANKING

Our next school banking day will be Friday, 5th June 2009. Students need to bring their bank books and money to the office by 11:30am.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

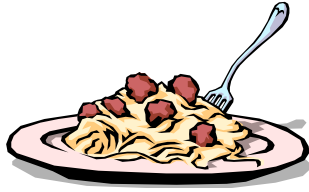
Canteen Roster
TERM 2

Thursday	4 th June	Help Required
Friday	5 th June	Caroline Fitzgerald
Monday	8 th June	Helena Wiggers
Tuesday	9 th June	Jenny McCafferty
Wednesday	10 th June	Help Required
Thursday	11 th June	Gemma Giblett
Friday	12 th June	Phil Schenberg
Monday	15 th June	Debbie Hoggarth
Tuesday	16 th June	Sharon Varis
Wednesday	17 th June	Leonie Turley
Thursday	18 th June	Help Required
Friday	19 th June	Fiona Stone



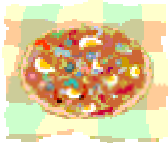
ITALIAN THEME DAY

Our Italian Theme Day for Term 2 is on Tuesday, 16th June. Forms have gone home this week.



EAGLE BOYS PIZZA DAY

The Eagles Boy Pizza day will be held on Thursday, 2nd July.



UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform Shop will operate on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:45am to 9:30am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RED NOSES

We are supporting Red Nose Day by making available Red Nose merchandise. At the front office you can purchase red noses, bracelets, lip balm, pens, lapel pins and more. All funds raised are used in the delivery of the life saving 'Safe Sleeping' education programs, medical research into the cause/s of child mortality and grief support for those who have experienced the loss of a child.