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No Child Left Behind

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their start to the term. As I move around classes I see lots of people getting on with the day to day job of teaching and learning.

BUSHFIRE TRAGEDY

Like all Australians our community has been shocked and saddened by the ongoing tragedy of the Victoria and NSW bushfires. It is a time when our hearts and thoughts go out to those in these areas. We have had several people including staff, students and parents who have talked about raising money to support all those who have been affected. We have a collection point at our front office so donations can be made there and we will have a **Boardies and T Shirt** day this Friday, 13th February for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be given to a local bank which is collecting on behalf of the Red Cross for immediate relief of victims.



WELCOME MRS COOK

I would like to officially welcome Mrs Natalie Cook to the position of Inclusivity Coordinator for Collie Primary Schools. This change of role means that Mrs Cook will be working with all local schools to make sure that students with special needs receive appropriate curriculum and support. I would also like to thank Mrs

Cook for the excellent contribution she made to Amaroo Primary School as a classroom teacher.

TERRIFIC START CONTINUES

As I move around to classes I find lots of students hard at work and putting in their best efforts. This is something that Amaroo is known for and it is something which we are all proud of. It is also great to get out into the playground and see people are there doing the right thing, because they choose to. As a school we have to make it the kind of place we want to come to each day and this is done by everyone. The years has started very positively, I look forward to seeing what we can achieve.

Colin Chisholm

Principal

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. Yr 7 Interm Swimming, Cooking, at the office. EFTPOS facilities are available.

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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 12 th	Student Councillor's Assembly
February 13 th	"Boardies & T-shirt Dress Day"
February 16 th	Yr 7 Interm Swimming Commences Yr 7 - Rm 8 Parent Meeting 1:30pm - 2:05pm P & C Meeting 7:00pm Executive, 7:30pm Meeting
February 17 th	Yr 4 - Rm 6 Parent Meeting 4:00pm
February 19 th	Student Councillor's Leadership Conference in Perth Yr 3 - Rm 1 Parent Meeting 3:15pm
February 24 th	School Council
March 2 nd	Public Holiday

CONTACT DETAILS

Parents, if you have moved house and changed your address, telephone or mobile numbers, please advise your child's classroom teacher and the office staff.



It is necessary to have accurate details on our system in case of an emergency that may affect your child.

We also require up to date contact details of a friend or relative in case you cannot be contacted in an emergency.

ASSEMBLY

Our First Assembly for this year will be held on Thursday 12th February commencing at 9:00am. Our Student Councillors will be hosting this event.

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

AMAROO DENTAL THERAPY

The Amaroo Dental Therapy Centre has reopened for 2009. The school dental service continues to provide free general dental care for all enrolled students between the ages 5-17 years.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP OF YOUR CHILDREN

In the interests of everyone's safety when picking up or dropping off children at Amaroo, please:-

- Do not double park or park on the verge.
- Keep the bus zone on Magnussen Street clear at all times.
- Do not drop off or pick up your children by stopping in the lane way or staff carpark.

Hitting a child with any vehicle is very traumatic for both the child and the driver. Please consider everyone's well being.

Andrew Whitney
Deputy Principal



BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue 1 is due back to school by Monday, 16th February. Please place your child's order in an envelope with correct money and clearly marked with your child's name and class room number.

P&C NEWS

The first P&C meeting for the year will be this Monday, 16th February starting at 7:00pm for Executive members, General Meeting 7:30pm.

The P&C AGM is scheduled for Monday, 16th March in the School Staff Room at 7pm, followed by a General Meeting at 7:30pm.

DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back! It's lovely to see so many familiar faces and to have met so many new people, I am doing my best to remember all the new names!

Just a reminder that if you have any concerns/questions regarding your child/ren, then please feel free to come and chat with me on the Quadrangle before school or make an appointment at the office and I will endeavour to help as best I can.

The students have started the new school year positively and it's good to see how many students remember their hats each day. They are very aware that 'No Hat means No Play!'.

VIRTUES PROJECT

The Virtues Project has been slightly revamped this year. It has been decided

that ten key virtues will be taught over the course of the year.

GETTING ALONG	ORGANISATION	PERSISTENCE	CONFIDENCE
COURTESY	SELF -DISCIPLINE	PERSISTENCE	CONFIDENCE
HONESTY	RESPONSIBILITY	EXCELLENCE	COURAGE As part of Resilience
CO-OPERATION			
RESPECT			

Over the course of the year, a Virtue of the Month will be highlighted through students work featured in this newsletter and on the board outside the office.

This month's Virtue is Confidence. Look out for your child/ren's contribution to the next newsletter!

YOU CAN DO IT

The students in Years 1-3 are continuing to explore the You Can Do It Program this year. This term they are also looking at Confidence. Some of the catch phrases being taught are; **I can do it! No idea is too silly to say, This is hard, but I'm going to have a go!**

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Here at Amaroo, students and staff alike are very fortunate to be able to access the counselling support of Robyn Gillies, our School Chaplain. Robyn is at Amaroo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Numerous students, across the school, access Robyn for a variety of reasons.

Students can refer themselves by writing their name in Robyn's book or on occasions teachers make the referral. In the case of teacher referrals, a courtesy call is usually made to parents, but on occasion teachers may have cause to just ask Robyn to speak with a particular child.



If you do not wish your child/ren to speak with Robyn, then please contact the office to notify us. In addition, if you would like your child's teacher to contact you before referring to Robyn, please let the office know this as well.

Robyn is also available to speak with parents. If you would like to access this service, please contact the office or call Mrs Sarah Dunbar-Stuart who can organise this for you.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property will be put onto the stage after Thursday's assembly. This will occur once a month. Please have a look if your child/ren has mislaid anything. Last year, a number of items of clothing were unclaimed and had no names written on them. If you haven't already done so, please try to label your child/ren's clothing to make identification and return easier.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

These will take place on the morning of Tuesday, 3rd March 2009. Please ensure you return your child/ren's completed paperwork to the office or Steve Homer, before this date.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart
Pastoral Care

BUS BAYS

Parents, please be reminded that there is no parking in the bus bay areas. (This includes the pre-primary and Magnussen Street bays). We have a duty of care to our bus children to be able to catch the bus safely.

No cars are allowed to be parked in the bus bays or on the verge in front of the bus bay at any time.



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster
TERM 1

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	Feb 12 th	Sonia Marshall
Friday	Feb 13 th	Heather Grobbelaar
Monday	Feb 16 th	Brenda Shepherd
Tuesday	Feb 17 th	Franklyn Simmonds
Wednesday	Feb 18 th	Christine Young
Thursday	Feb 19 th	Sonia Marshall
Friday	Feb 20 th	Caroline Fitzgerald
Monday	Feb 23 rd	Cara Swan
Tuesday	Feb 24 th	Natasha Putland
Wednesday	Feb 25 th	Helena Wiggers

UNIFORM SHOP

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

New stocks have arrived over the last few days and will be available from this Thursday.

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Our next school banking day will be Friday, 20th February 2009. Students need to bring their bank books and money to the office by 11:30am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST AID CLASSES FOR COLLIE

The Collie depot will be running 9 First Aid classes this year, depending on numbers. Five two day classes running from 8:30am to 4:30pm scheduled for February 19th and 20th, May 18th and 19th, July 27th and 28th, September 14th and 15th and November 9th and 10th. Two evening classes 6:30pm to 9:30pm scheduled for March 25th, 26th, April 1st, 2nd and 8th, July 29th, 30th August



5th, 6th and 12th. Two flexible learning classes (Complete CD Rom at home before attending class) from 8:30am to 4:30pm scheduled for June 19th and November 26th. All bookings are to be placed through the Bunbury Office 9791 4999. Classes will be run at the Collie Ambulance Depot in Steere Street Collie.



COLLIE SCOUTS

Collie Scouts resume on the 19th February. Every Thursday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, ages 10 to 14. Current leader Carolynn Arnold and new leader Drew De La Rie. For information please phone Tania 9734 4935.

6 A SIDE HOCKEY

Come and try this new type of hockey, which will be played across the field and with only 6 players per team on the field, the games will be fast and a lot of fun! This is open to boys and girls from Year 3 up and teams will be sorted once numbers are known. We have sticks and shin pads, so even if you have not played hockey before come out and give it a go. We will start on Thursday, 19th February so get your friends together and register your interest. Held at Collie Hockey Grounds Thursday evenings from 5:30pm, cost is \$10 fees and \$2 per game. If you are interested please call Keith Old 0417 177 338 or 9734 5965.

