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No Child Left Behind

Dear Parents and Community Members,

If you can believe the weather man the dry spell will be well and truly broken very soon. Even the light drizzle we got yesterday was welcome.

NAPLAN/EASYMARK

Students and staff need to be congratulated on the testing which was completed last week. It was wonderful to see the efforts made by all. The information we gather from this, will show how we are going as a school.

UNIFORMS

In recent newsletters I have talked a lot about how important it is that students wear full school uniform. This is one way we show pride in our school and shows that Amaroo students care about their school. At the end of this week I will begin sending letters home with the students who are not wearing school uniform. This is to inform their parents and to ask that our uniform policy is followed. This way we can have all students dressed appropriately.

LIFE EDUCATION LAUNCH

On Monday, beginning at 3:00pm in the assembly area, Premier Coal will be hosting a launch of the Life Education program for the Collie area. This is the program which features *Healthy Harold* and is promoted by Michael Clarke on television advertising. More information can be found on the following website www.lifeeducation.org.au. This is going to be a terrific program for our schools to be involved in. We are expecting a

number of guests and media outlets so this is set to be a busy afternoon.

Bus students will be picked up on the pre-primary side of the school on Monday afternoon and families with students in years 1 and 2 will be asked to exit the school on the Magnussen Road side where possible. The assembly area will be out of bounds to students and families so could this area please be avoided.

Enjoy the rest of week 4, and well done to all those who have been praying for rain.

Colin Chisholm
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 th to 22 nd May	Scholastic Bookfair
21 st May	Assembly Room 14 Year 2
22 nd May	Jade Lewis Year 7 visit
	School Banking
27 th May	Italian Dress Up Day
	Staff Meeting
28 th May	Year 7 Immunisations
1 st June	Public Holiday

ASSEMBLY

Ms Parson's room 14 year 2 class will be hosting the assembly tomorrow commencing at 9am.

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



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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

This month's Virtue continues to be **self discipline (Self-control)**. This links in with the Organisation Key to Success which the students in Years 1 -3 are starting this week. The poster to describe this virtue was attached to last weeks Update.

YOU CAN DO IT

For the next fortnight the Juniors will be learning about Organisation. Some of the ORGANISED catch phrases being taught during these weeks are; Goal! Organisation = Setting Goals + Managing Time, Practice makes progress, Work Tough and Be prepared!

PARENT PLANNER - CHANGE TO ASEMBLY DATES

Please note the following changes to the term planner:

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

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

ITALIAN FUNDRAISER

To raise funds for the victims of the L'Aquila earthquake we are having an Italian Dress Up Day on Wednesday, 27th May 2009. Students will be asked to bring in a gold coin donation, on this day, if they wish to participate. Students are asked to dress up as "someone or something Italian" or in Italian colours. All proceeds will go to schools in L'Aquila affected by the earthquake.



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.

RINGWORM (TINEA)

We have had a few cases of 'ringworm' (Tinea) that have been reported recently.

'Ringworm' is a common fungal infection of the skin that usually affects the scalp, skin, fingers, toenails or feet.

It is transmitted through skin-to-skin contact, animals or contaminated objects and is contagious. 'Ringworm' needs to be treated. Antifungal treatment (cream) is available.

Please check your child/ren for spots or marks that aren't healing or going away and see your local doctor for the best advice.

Students who are suspected to have Ringworm will be sent home and excluded from school until they have been treated. This is in compliance with the guidelines set out in the Communicable Disease Guidelines 2007, produced by the Department of Health.

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.

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 97344260

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.

BOOKFAIR

May is National Family Reading Month and our school is hosting a Jurassic Book Fair to celebrate. Our school's Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading - but we need your help!

Amaroo's Book Fair will be held, at the following times, in the Library:

Wednesday 20th May 8.30-8.45am,
1.10-1.25pm and 3.10-4.00pm

Thursday 21st May 8.30-8.45am and 3.10-4.00pm

Our Book Fair is a lively and fun event that enables children, parents, teachers and community members to purchase quality books and classroom materials at reasonable prices, while raising funds for our school.

I look forward to seeing you at our Jurassic Book Fair. It's a great place to find exciting new books to read for your Family Reading Challenge!

Kelly Fox
Library Officer

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 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, 22nd May 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	21 st May	Brenda Tuck
Friday	22 nd May	Heather Escott
Monday	25 th May	Sarah Rowlands
Tuesday	26 th May	Caroline Fitzgerald
Wednesday	27 th May	Sandra Tanner
Thursday	28 th May	Natasha Putland
Friday	29 th May	Fiona Stone
Monday	1 st June	Foundation Day
Tuesday	2 nd June	Francine Giblett
Wednesday	3 rd June	Help Required
Thursday	4 th June	Sonja Marshall
Friday	5 th June	Caroline Fitzgerald

UNIFORM SHOP

All winter uniforms order forms, with money need to be returned to the uniform shop by Friday, 29th May.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITIVE PARENTING

There is no one way to be a parent. The positive parenting program suggests simple routines and small changes that can make a difference to your family. Collie's Primary Health will be running a four week program for parents with 3 to 5 year olds. Strategies discussed are applicable throughout the Primary School year. The program is held at Community House Forrest Street Child Health Centre on Wednesdays 1:00pm until 3:00pm, commencing 27th May until 17th June.

Limited Creche facilities are available for this afternoon program, no charge involved. For bookings and an information

package please ring Child Health Nurse Triple P Coordinator Anita Hoddell on 9734 1454 by Wednesday, 20th May.

ROCHE PARK JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Roche Park Junior Basketball for Boys and Girls aged 6 years and 8 years old is being held on Thursdays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm, cost is \$3.00. This program is a fun and enjoyable way for children to learn the skills to play basketball.

PMH CENTENARY OPEN DAY

In 2009 Princess Margaret Hospital for Children will celebrate 100 years of serving the children and families of Western Australia. To celebrate our Centenary, Princess Margaret Hospital is having an Open Day on the 4th of July 2009 between 11am and 3pm. This is a chance to visit the hospital and see how it is run. There will be many activities and fun for children of all ages.

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.

