

# 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,

The majority of the painting work has been completed now and is looking fantastic. It is great to see the 'old' part of the school looking so nice in preparation for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The pride shown in Amaroo by the school community is outstanding.

I would like to thank all of the families who are being responsible and keeping children home if they are showing signs of being unwell. It is very important that we all take care of ourselves and the wider community. As listed in previous newsletters, information regarding the current status of H1N1 (SWINE FLU) is available online. Key points are:

- Everyone should maintain good personal hygiene including covering your nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing, frequent hand washing and staying home if you are sick to help manage the spread of viruses in the community.
- People with flu-like illnesses who need medical advice should telephone their doctor or health direct Australia on 1800 022 222.
- For more information on swine flu visit the Department of Health website [www.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.health.wa.gov.au) or call the national swine flu hotline on 180 2007.

In the interests of our student's safety, please consider the following. The start and end of a school day are always very busy and parking will always be an issue.

It is very important that everyone show some consideration when driving or parking around the school. Specific issues that people need to stop doing are:

- dropping their children off in the staff car park
- parking and stopping all traffic flow in the laneway
- driving nearly the full length of Jones Street along the verge and footpath to drop children at the gate.

These actions are both inconsiderate and dangerous and we ask those doing the above be more conscious of the potential danger to our children.

**Andrew Whitney**  
A/Principal

## **AMAROO P&C QUIZ NIGHT**

The Amaroo P&C Association is holding a Quiz Night at the Margaretta Wilson Centre on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009 starting at 7:00pm. All the available tables have been sold, thank you for your support. All those that have booked a table will need to pay \$10.00 per person as soon as possible, to the front office. Drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks, UDL's) will be on sale and a light supper will also be on sale. All funds raised by the P&C go directly towards improving the facilities for our children.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 3 Room 2 Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Amaroo Quiz Night
17 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Perth Cross Country
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Fotoworks School Portraits

The newsletter is available on the website [www.amaroo.wa.edu.au](http://www.amaroo.wa.edu.au)

## ASSEMBLY

Mrs Fyfe's room 2 year 3 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.*

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

School Contributions are 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

Thank you to all parents, students and staff who really got into the spirit of Crazy Hair Day last Friday. It was a resounding success!

You can view photos of all the whacky hair-do's that brightened up our school that are currently on display at the office.

## YOU CAN DO IT

Over the next two weeks, the juniors will be looking at the final concepts of ORGANISATION.

Phrases that are being taught over the next fortnight will be: - *Save the best for Last, Just do it, Start hard, end easy, Work now play later, Step by Step, Break it down, Plan your time, Put it in your diary, Pleasant versus - Unpleasant, Even horrible/boring jobs have to be done.*

The following are ways that you can give specific feedback to encourage your child to be more organised in every aspect of their daily lives;

"You had everything ready before we started."

"It was good to see you remembered to organise your things before we left the house."

"You were able to finish your homework/chores because you had all of the things you needed."

"It was great to see you collected what you needed first."

## PARENT PLANNER -

Please note the following additions to the term planner:

**School Photos** will take place on 19 August (Week 5 - Term 3).

**'The Ear Bus' Variety WA Mobile Ear Screening Van (Indigenous children only)** 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9 - Term 3). Please return consent forms to the school.

**Eagle Boys Pizza Day - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009**



## VIRTUES PROJECT

Throughout August, students from Year's 4-7 will be exploring the virtue of PERSISTENCE, which ties in nicely with last month's virtue EXCELLENCE.

The fridge poster that provides exemplars of Persistence will be attached to the next newsletter.

## JACKETS IN CLASSROOMS

Students are **not** to wear **jackets** or **beanies** in classrooms as these are designed for protection against the outside elements. Please ensure your child/ren wears only their school jumper inside the classroom. All the classrooms are well heated during the day.

## LIFE EDUCATION 'Parent Information Session'

The Life Education Van will be at Amaroo during Week 6 of this term. All students from K-Year 7 will take part in Life Education lessons, held in the van and facilitated by a Life Education educator, during that week.

The Life Education caravan will be open from 10:00am - 11:00am on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009, following Year 6, Room 10's assembly. You are welcome to visit the van at any time during this hour.

This is an opportunity to find out about the things your children, see, do and talk about during their visit to the Life Education caravan. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

## CHILD ANXIETY RURAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Child Anxiety Rural Outreach Program (CAROP) is a skills-based program for children who have fears and worries.

## *Help for Kids with Fears and Worries.*

*Do you know a child who is constantly*

- afraid of trying anything new?
- scared when you aren't with them?
- worried that they will make a mistake?
- avoids activities like sleep-overs, school, parties or unfamiliar situations?
- able to worry about anything and everything?

The Macquarie University Child and Adolescent Anxiety Clinic is conducting research on using self-help materials and telephone contact with a psychologist as a way of helping anxious rural children overcome anxiety. Children and their parents can choose to participate in a formal assessment and 12 week treatment program for anxiety without needing to leave home. As part of the research, assessment of progress will be made on completion of treatment and after 6 months. Parents and children who complete these progress assessments will be given a gift voucher. Children must be 8 years or older, and in primary school.



**If you want to know more about this program you can call them on (02) 9850 9706, or go to their website:**

[www.psy.mq.edu.au/carop](http://www.psy.mq.edu.au/carop) or by e-mail [carop@psy.mq.edu.au](mailto:carop@psy.mq.edu.au)

In addition, please see me as I have brochures for parents/caregivers.

I hope you have a lovely week.

**Sarah Dunbar-Stuart**  
**Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care)**



## MERIT CERTIFICATES



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
The following students received Merit Certificates at our assembly on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Joel Spencer	Jack Bury
Logan Best	Shae Armour
Zoe Read	Mark Leighton
Christopher Northey	Grace Lucas
Grace Sheppard	Violet Chitty
Angel Woods	Joshua Plummer
Daisy Anania	Mitchell Stanton
Shanika Turvey	Jake Harrington
Kaela Plant	Lachlan Martin
Jack Barton	John Dowey
Paul Bernardi	Natasha Benton - Hesse
Caleb Flatt	Nicole Muran
Devan Radomiljac	Madison Edwards
James Strahan	Jye Johnson
Phillip Darcey	Jack Marshall

## MS READATHON

At Amaroo we had 16 children participate in the MS Readathon this year. Currently Amaroo Primary School has raised \$558.00 and is currently sitting in 33<sup>rd</sup> spot.

Congratulations to all our wonderful readers. Don't forget to send in all your donations.

Super effort.

**Kelly Fox**  
Library Officer



## CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Lorraine Dowey
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> August	Lyndall Saunders
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Debbie Hoggarth
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> August	Kathy Aram
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Sonia Marshall
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Caroline Fitzgerald
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> August	Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Natasha Putland
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Sandra Tanner
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> August	Keiko Yokoi
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> August	Stephen Edwards

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

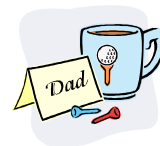
### FATHERS DAY STALL

The P & C bring and buy Fathers Day Stall will be held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

All students Pre-Primary to Year 7 are required to bring a gift to be sold at the stall. The students need to bring \$1.00 on the day to buy a gift.

Could gifts please be left at the Canteen or at the Uniform shop on Thursday or Friday mornings.

Some gift ideas are; chocolates, socks, tools, coffee cups etc.



## VACSWIM

Vacation Swimming forms are available from the school office.

October Enrolments are being taken.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MAGGIE DENT

Maggie Dent will be conducting two free parent seminars in Collie. The first seminar, Real Kids in an Unreal World: Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today's Children will be held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 10am to 12 noon at the Collie Family Centre, 5 Forrest Street. Topic covers issues relating to children 0-12 years.

The second seminar Bringing out the Best in Adolescents: Really Connecting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 7pm-9pm at the Collie Family Centre, 5 Forrest Street Collie. Topic covers issues relating to children 12-25 years. Bookings are essential for the seminar and Creche. Limited places available, book now by phoning 9734 5343

### COLLIE TO DONNYBROOK & RETURN CYCLING CLASSIC

Mums, Dads and kids come and join in the Participation 'Fit for Life Ride' 23km starting at 11:20am on 15<sup>th</sup> August outside the Crown Hotel. The 23km participation 'Worsley Fit For Life Ride' event will start at 11:20am sharp. Registration forms must be completed on the day up until 10:45am at a cost of \$5 per person for insurance cover. There will be \$1,000 in random cash prizes and the winners must be at the presentation inside the Crown Hotel at 5:00pm to collect prizes. Riders don't have to complete the 23km to be eligible for the random draws. The day also includes the now 'famous' Two Up game at the Collie-Cardiff RSL on Throssell Street from 1:00pm.



### ALLANSON FAMILY FAIR COMPETITION

Draw your Dad!

Entry forms are available from the Amaroo office for students wanting to "Draw your Dad." Cost is 50 cents per entry. Age category groups are:-

- ❖ Kindy, Pre-Primary, Yr 1
- ❖ Yr 2 - Yr 4
- ❖ Yr 5 - Yr 7

Entries to be submitted with an entry fee to the Amaroo school office or Allanson Primary School office between 24<sup>th</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup> August.



### ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WA Disabled Sports Association and the Shire of Collie present a hands on information session for people working with people with disabilities. We have a range of modified equipment and games, suitable for all levels and types of disability. This will continue to be available for use at Roche Park. This free session will be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August from 12:30 - 2:30pm. Please register by Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August with WADSA - Pat Maslen 9470 1442 or [Pat@wadsa.org.au](mailto:Pat@wadsa.org.au).

### PERTH ROYAL SHOW

The Royal Agriculture Society of WA (Inc) are inviting rural schools and their students to pre purchase discounted tickets through the Society. In pre purchasing directly through the Society, we can ensure that full time students receive their entitlement to a Child/Student ticket. To improve on this situation further, all our pre purchased Child/Student tickets are at a price of \$10.00, which is \$2.00 less than what you will pay at the gate on the day. Application forms are available at the front office and need to be returned by 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.



## FOTOWORKS SCHOOL PHOTOS

Students from Years 1 - 7 will have the opportunity to have their school photo's taken on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Envelopes were sent home last week. Spare envelopes are available at the office if your child/ren did not receive them. Various packages are on offer to families. Parents are asked to select the photographs they require and ***return the envelope to the school on the day (Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August) with payment included. Please note that payment will need to be made by the correct amount in cash, by cheque or writing credit card details on the envelope. Our school EFTPOS services will not be available for school photo payments.***



Any child who forgets to bring their envelope on the photo day will have a second chance to order school photos after the photos have been returned to school, however additional charges will apply.

Parents who wish to purchase a family photo must collect a separate envelop from the school office. Please be aware that the family package is different from the schools package and details are outlined on the envelope.

**FOTOWORKS** guarantee a total refund for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photos. Family discounts are available and details are on the back of the envelope.

If you have any queries about the packages, please contact the **FOTOWORKS** office directly on 9444 9477.



*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records. If for custodial or religious reasons, you do not wish your child to be photographed, please contact the school on 9734 1777 or complete and return the form below to Amaroo Primary School by 19<sup>th</sup> August.*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_  
Do not want my child/ren's \_\_\_\_\_

individual portrait/s taken on school photo day.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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