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No Child Left Behind

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I believe the Wellington Dam overflowed yesterday, this has indeed been a wet September!

Well as far as terms go this is one that will be remembered for some time. Throughout the last part of the term the quality of the Amaroo school community shone brightly. I know that we are all ready for a break. Term four is always a busy one so make sure that you are well rested when it begins.

Last week I spent two days in Perth with the AFA boys. This was a time where the boys could relax a bit after a hard season training and playing. The team atmosphere and overall behaviour was outstanding. Tonight they will enjoy the graduation to formally finish the 2009 season.

At the end of last week students in years 3, 5 and 7 received their NAPLAN reports. These results are now based on National levels so parents can compare results against all Australian students. If you require further information or clarification make contact with your child's classroom teacher. A summary of how the school has performed will be made available to the school community in fourth term.

Last Saturday about half of our teaching staff and Education Assistants attended professional development on what is called the Kagan cooperative learning methodology. This concentrates on ways to teach rather than on subject matter.

The reports we have had back is that it was fantastic and a number of staff are already looking at how their classes operate and made changes based on the new knowledge. The rest of the staff will participate early next year then there will be four more days throughout 2010. We look forward to the Kagan method having a very positive impact on our school.

With the holidays nearly here it is time to remind our children about personal safety. Please make sure that children are reminded to let adults know where they are going and who they will be with. It is also a good idea to be with friends when out and about and very important to remember Stranger Danger rules.

Have a great holiday, enjoy the sunshine if you can find it and be ready for the last term of 2009.

Colin Chisholm
Principal

ASSEMBLY

Mr Irving's room 9 year 5 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.***



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 rd September	AFA Graduation
24 th September	Assembly Room 9 Year 5 Eagle Boys Pizza Day
25 th September	Last Day of term
12 th October	Pupil Free Day
13 th October	<i>Students First Day Term 4</i>
14 th October	Nitzblitz 9:15am PP-Y7
19 th October	P&C Meeting
20 th October	Amaroo Jumps & Throws
23 rd October	Amaroo Faction Carnival



The newsletter is available on the website: www.amaroo.wa.edu.au

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Next term Active After School Sport will resume in Week 1. Years 2 and 3 will be attending Tuesdays 3:10pm to 4:10pm. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending Wednesdays 3:10pm to 4:10pm. There are still places available for any interested students Years 2 - 6. Please collect an application form from the front office.

Darianne Chisholm
Active After School Sports Co-ordinator

DEPUTY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to script writers / directors Brianna Harrison-Brown and Madison Edwards (both of Year 5, Room 9) and their cast members; Shaun Servas, Shannon Dunn, Olivia Turley, Dante Gillies and Gavin Ryan (also of Year 5, Room 9) who have entered ABC TV's Rollercoaster - The Best School Ever 2009 competition.

Thank you to their teacher, Mr Irving, for supporting this venture and their parents for permitting them to be involved.

If Brianna and Madison's entry was to win, Elliot and the crew from Rollercoaster would come to Amaroo to film a day in our lives. How exciting! Mr Chisholm would have to make sure that his hair was done!

More information can be found on http://www.abc.net.au/rollercoaster/kidstv/best_school_ever_2009.htm

The winning entry will be announced and shown on Rollercoaster from 4pm Friday, 2nd October 2009 on ABC1.

Best of luck to all the students involved in our entry, we all have the appropriate number of fingers crossed for you and will be watching in anticipation of the results.

YOU CAN DO IT

The Junior Primary students are continuing with Persistence.

Phrases they are learning are; - *Never Give Up - The harder I try, the better I get - Encourage, not discourage - There is no such word as CAN'T! - I'm going to give this 100% effort - Effort Produces Success*

Here are some encouraging phrases you can use if you see your child/ren being persistent:

"I like it when you try hard."

"You continued even when the going got tough."

"Making that effort will help you learn."

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

September's Virtue is **COURTESY**.

The following are questions to help guide your discussion with your child/ren;

- How do you and your friends show courtesy when you greet each other?
- How does it feel to you when someone is not courteous? When someone is courteous?



- How does it feel to you when you are not courteous? When you are courteous?
- How do people tend to react if you disrespect them by forgetting courtesy?
- What can you do if you have “slipped” and forgotten to be courteous?
- Who in your family needs more courtesy from you?
- What is the difference between making a demand and making a request?

The accompanying fridge poster is attached to this newsletter.

Quotable Quotes -

“Politeness is to do and say the kindest things in the kindest way.” Anonymous

“Most smiles are started by another smile.”

Anonymous

“Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.”

Janet Lane

HEADLICE

Amaroo is involved in the Nitzblitz program to try and eradicate headlice amongst our students.

Once more, a team of willing Nitzblitzers will be at the school from **9:15am on Wednesday, 14th October 2009** (Week 1 - Term 4) to ‘Blitz’ all students from Years P-7.

If you have enrolled your child/ren at Amaroo this semester, please ensure that you have completed a Nitzblitz permission slip and give it to your child’s teacher or the office. If you are unsure whether you have already given permission or not, please check with your child’s teacher.

Thank you to the Nitzblitz volunteers for the great job that they do and for giving us their time on this day.

Thank you to all parents who continue to regularly check their child/ren’s hair and administer the appropriate treatment as necessary. 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 and lice are no longer present.

SCHOOL SORES / IMPETIGO

There has been a resurgence of cases of school sores -in several cases these sores are appearing on student’s heads. If your child has sores on his/her head, or other parts of their body, please comply with the following WA Department of Health guidelines.

Students with suspected school sores will be sent home. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

Impetigo can occur on healthy skin, but often happens when the skin has already been damaged by a scratch, bite or a disease affecting the skin such as eczema or chicken pox.

These burst leaving a patch of red, wet skin which weeps. The spot usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust. There can be small spots around the first spots, spreading outwards. Impetigo is usually itchy.

A sore can be infectious as long as it is weeping. Usually, it has stopped being infectious about 24 hours after treatment, with an antibiotic has been started, and healing has begun.

A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo. Try to prevent scratching the sore as much as possible, e.g. cover sores with a water



tight dressing and cut the child's fingernails.

Keep the child home from school, kindergarten or day care until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

Information supplied by WA Department of Health.

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 a limited number of Learning for Life Scholarships available to assist Collie primary school students. The eligibility criterion 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 Sarah Dunbar-Stuart at the school or call The Smith Family Collie Office on 9734 4260.

Wishing you all a happy, safe holiday and a well deserved break.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart
Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care)

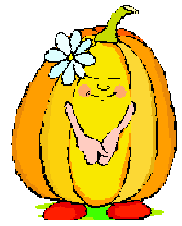
HIGH SCHOOL FORMS

A reminder to all Year 7 parents and guardians, to return their child's high school enrolment form, if they haven't already done so.



FRUIT 'N' VEG DISPLAY

Collie Community Health (Dietician - Narelle and Community Nurse - Sandra) are hosting a Fruit 'n' Veg Month display and taste testing at Collie Central Shopping Centre on Thursday from 2:30pm - 5pm.



All students, parents and teachers are encouraged to visit our display and try some of the tasty fruits and vegetables that will be on offer.

There will be a special appearance by Polly Pumpkin as well!

CANTEEN NEWS

Term 3
Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	24 th Sept	Sonia Marshall
Friday	25 th Sept	Heather Escott

Term 4

Monday	12 th Oct	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	13 th Oct	Nicole Kostezky
Wednesday	14 th Oct	Help Required
Thursday	15 th Oct	Sonia Marshall
Friday	16 th Oct	Help Required
Monday	19 th Oct	Lorraine Bentley Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	20 th Oct	Tina Winslow
Wednesday	21 st Oct	Help Required
Thursday	22 nd Oct	Sonia Marshall
Friday	23 rd Oct	Help Required

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

If you would like to volunteer next term the roster is now available at the canteen.

UNIFORM SHOP

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



EAGLE BOYS PIZZA DAY

Eagle Boys Pizza Day tomorrow Thursday, 24th September. Remember if you haven't ordered a pizza deal a limited menu is available.

GLAD & CHUX P&C FUNDRAISER

This week the P&C's next fundraiser will be sent home with students. The P&C are undertaking a Glad and Chux Fundraiser, orders are to be returned with money in an envelope/bag to the canteen by 25th October 2009. The P&C thank you for your participation.



COMMUNITY NEWS

COLLIE JUNIOR COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

The Collie Junior Country Music Club presents a great night of music and dance on Saturday, 10th October at the Margareta Wilson Centre, Forrest Street 7pm to 11pm. Cost is \$10.00 double, \$6.00 single. Special guest band Country Horizon with the Collie Country Youth Performers. All welcome, BYO drinks and basket supper, tea and coffee on sale. Call Wally for more information 9734 5363.



PREMIER COAL - CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF MINING

Premier Coal will be holding a Community day on Sunday, 8th November at the mine site from 11am-4pm in celebration of 60 years of mining. Premier Coal would like to invite the children of Collie to participate by way of a competition. The theme is 'Why I Love Living in Collie'. The competition can be in any medium, even videos and photo's can be submitted. Entries can be posted or e-mailed to Premier Coal before 30th October 2009. The competition will have two age groups, Pre Primary - Grade 3, Grades 4-7. The prize will be a ride on working machinery in the Premier Coal Mine site for the winner of each group. Entries will be displayed at the Community Day. Contact Pauline Baker, Event Coordinator on 9780 2287 or 0419 615 306, or via e-mail Pauline.baker@premiercoal.com.au



POSITIVE PARENTING

There is no one way to be a parent. The Positive Parenting Program suggests some simple routines and small changes that can be discussed with parents, who happen to be the experts regarding their own children. 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 years.

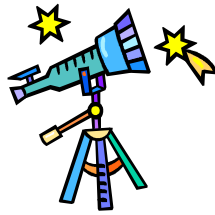
Venue: Collie Hospital, Primary Health Section

Time: Thursdays 9:30am until 11:30am
Commencing October 15th until November 5th. Limited Creche is available, no charge is involved. For bookings and an information package, please ring Child Health Nurse Triple P Coordinator Anita Hoddell on 9735 1459 by Wednesday, 14th October.



ASTRONOMY NIGHTS

The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will be holding an open night for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury at the end of the October school holidays.



The Observatory will be open on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October each night from 7:00pm to 11:00pm weather permitting.

Cost:- Adults \$7.00, Children \$4.00,
Family \$18.00

For more information call Cameron 9795 8204.

OLIVER THE MUSICAL

Everybody's favourite musical 'Oliver!' will be performed at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre during the school holidays. This large scale South West Opera Company production will feature 35 children from all over the south west. Accompanied by a 20 piece orchestra and fantastic songs such as 'Food Glorious Food', 'Oom Pah Pah' and 'Consider Yourself', this production promises to be the best family entertainment for the holidays. Oliver will be shown on the following dates:

- Thursday, 8th October 2pm
- Friday, 9th October 8pm
- Saturday, 10th October 8pm
- Sunday, 11th October 2pm