

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,

It has been great to be back at school and get back into the swing of things. Thanks must go to Mr Whitney for doing such a good job while I was away. Like all holidays it is good to get away, but by the time the holiday is almost done you want to get home. Cambodia is still a developing country and has a long way to go before it shakes the title of one of the poorest countries in the world. We came away very thankful for what we have in Australia and the way we get to live without threat of major disease and extremely low living standards.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

I attended the All Schools State Cross Country last week. I must say I was very impressed by the way our students conducted themselves. They were a credit to the school and wore their Amaroo shirts proudly. Well done to all those who participated and I look forward to joining the training for next year's event!

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Independent Schools is something which was announced a few weeks ago. The idea is public schools have the opportunity to be self governing, much like you would find in what we currently call private schools. A school would still be a government school and be responsible for providing the best education possible for their students, but they would operate a one-line budget where decisions on how the budget was used becomes a local

decision. This would include the hiring of all staff, maintaining school buildings and facilities plus all normal day to day financial expenses. The benefit for the school is we would be able to use our budget more flexibly and we would be able to make most our own policies locally on how we wanted the school to run. This is a shift in the way education is delivered in our state. Expressions of interest to start this in 2010 have been called and I am currently considering whether Amaroo asks to be a part of the first 30 schools to be involved. If you would like to know more please feel free to contact me.

ATHLETIC SEASON

This has started now at school and we are seeing students out there running, jumping and throwing. This is also the first year where we have been competing against other Bunbury public schools. I always enjoy the athletic season and look forward to both our school and interschool carnivals. Make sure that on the days necessary for training students wear appropriate footwear.

PAINTING

The school is looking great and the painting is now complete. We are now looking forward to some seating being replaced in the undercroft area and our new Early Childhood Building plus our assembly area being enclosed. I have not yet been notified as to when these projects will be started.



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TIME FLYING

Well somehow it is almost the end of August, I have a daughter turning 21 very soon and third term is more than half done!

Enjoy the sunshine.

Colin Chisholm
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th - 28th August

Life Ed Van

26th August Write a book project
Rm 2 in the library

27th August Assembly Room 10 Year 6

1st September Energy Challenge
Meeting @ 4:15pm

4th September Footy Colours Day
Fundraiser
Father's Day Stall

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



ASSEMBLY

Ms Sarre's room 10 year 6 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

LIFE EDUCATION 'Parent Information Session'

The Life Education van is at Amaroo all of this week and Monday of next (Week 7).

Over the course of this week, all students from K-Year 7 are taking part in Life Education lessons, held in the van and facilitated by Life Education educator, Jessica Watkins. The feedback that I've had from both students and staff indicate that it has been a very useful and educational experience for all. Jessica has complimented all the students on their behaviour whilst in the van and has been impressed by the knowledge that they already have, having explored the Life Education resources in class.

The Life Education caravan will be open from 10:00am - 11:00am tomorrow, Thursday, 27th August 2009, following Year 6, Room 10's assembly. You are welcome to visit the van at any time during this hour. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the Library during this time. Pamphlets and information regarding the Life Education Health Program will also be available.

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.

YOU CAN DO IT

This week students in junior primary are reviewing Organisation and the main concepts that will help them unlock this key to success. Please help your child celebrate their achievements of this 'key' if you notice them being more organised at home.

VIRTUES PROJECT

The virtue for August is **PERSISTENCE**.

The poster that compliments this virtue is attached to this newsletter.

Some questions that you can use to guide your discussion when talking to your children about Persistence are;

- How can you tell if you want to commit to a new friend?
- What qualities do you look for in a friend?
- How do the following jobs need perseverance? What would happen if people in these roles did not persevere?
 - Parent
 - Fire-fighters
 - Professional Athlete
 - Teacher
 - Inventor

Quotable Quotes -

"Success comes in cans. Failure comes in cant's."

Fred Seely

"Never give up."

Otto Frank (Anne Frank's father)

"A winner never quits and a quitter never wins."

Unknown

"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent... Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Anonymous

FOOTY COLOURS DAY FUNDRAISER

Footy Colours Day is Friday, 4th September 2009. "This year thousands of Australians will unite and wear their football team's colours - AFL, NRL, Rugby Union and Soccer to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation, to care and treat patients with leukaemia and other cancers and to support research into improved treatment methods and find a cure." *Eric Wright - Managing Director - Fight Cancer Foundation*

Students can participate by bringing in a gold coin donation to wear their footy colours on this day. Please ask your child to give their donation to their teacher. For further information visit www.footycoloursday.com.au or see the posters displayed around the school.

LEARNING FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Smith Family have limited 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 97344260.

I hope you have a pleasant week and hope to catch up with you over a cuppa during tomorrow's Life Education Parent Information Session (10.00 - 11.00am).

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart

Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care)



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	27 th August	Keiko Yokoi
Friday	28 th August	Stephen Edwards
Monday	31 st August	Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	1 st Sept	Jenny McCafferty
Wednesday	2 nd Sept	Sharon Varis
Thursday	3 rd Sept	Sonia Marshall
Friday	4 th Sept	Essy Howells
Monday	7 th Sept	Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	8 th Sept	Caroline Fitzgerald
Wednesday	9 th Sept	Leonie Turley
Thursday	10 th Sept	Deddie Hoggarth
Friday	11 th Sept	Kathy Aram

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, 4th 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 24th August and 29th August.

