

Amaroo Newsletter

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No Child Left Behind

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Term 3 has started off very smoothly. It is a credit to the entire Amaroo community on how flexible and considerate you have been with the interruptions of the maintenance work and the wet and now very cold weather. It is fantastic the difference that a neat, fresh coat of paint makes to the overall impression of the school. We appreciate the many positive comments we have had on this long awaited maintenance.

H1N1 - HUMAN SWINE FLU



As many of you are aware, there have been confirmed cases of H1N1 in our community. It is very important that we all take responsibility for our health and the health of others. I will include below the latest advice from the Department of Health, but please, if your child is sick or showing symptoms of any sickness, keep your child at home. Our wider school community does have many people that fall in the high risk category. We need to look after everyone.

Information from Department of Health (<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/>)

Current Status

Human swine flu is a mild illness in most people. People with underlying conditions will be a target for testing, treatment and care.

Western Australia is now in the PROTECT phase. The World Health Organization (WHO) pandemic alert level is now at phase 6. This indicates that a global pandemic is under way.

Changes Due To PROTECT Phase

- *Normal operations will resume at international airports.*
- *Schools will not be closed if students are found to have human swine flu. Children are urged to stay home if they are unwell, to protect their classmates. Children no longer need to be kept home after travelling.*
- *Voluntary home isolation is recommended for those who have mild illness. Contacts will no longer be quarantined.*

People With Influenza-Like Symptoms

We are now focusing our attention on those in the community who may be at risk of severe illness. This may include pregnant women and people with underlying conditions including:

- *respiratory disease such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*
- *heart disease*
- *diabetes*
- *renal disease*
- *morbid obesity*
- *weakened immune systems*

These people are urged to seek medical attention if they have acute respiratory symptoms.

Antiviral medication will be limited to people with moderate or severe illness, or whose underlying conditions could make them vulnerable to the virus.

If you need medical advice, telephone your doctor or health direct Australia on 1800 022 222. There may be no need to see a doctor if your symptoms are mild.

I hope you all have an enjoyable term and stay well.

Andrew Whitney
A/Principal



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AMAROO P&C QUIZ NIGHT

The Amaroo P&C Association is holding a Quiz Night at the Margaretta Wilson Centre on Friday, 14th August 2009 starting at 7:30pm. Table bookings can be made at the Office in person or by phone. The cost will be \$10.00 per person with tables of 8. Drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks, UDL's) will be on sale and a light supper will also be on sale, so put your thinking caps on and get a table together for the best Quiz Night for 2009, with lots of fun and great prizes up for grabs.



Years 2 and 3 will be attending Tuesdays 3:10pm to 4:10 pm. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending Wednesdays 3:10pm to 4:10 pm.

If your child is in Year 2, and wishes to participate in this program, please ensure that you have completed the appropriate parent permission form. These have been handed out to students, but copies can be obtained from the office. Due to the limited number of places, these are awarded on a first come first served basis.

If you have any questions regarding this prior to Week 4, please speak to Mrs Dunbar-Stuart.

Darianne Chisholm
Active After School Sports Co-ordinator

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 th July	Assembly Year 7 Room 8
6 th August	Year 7 Immunisations
7 th August	Crazy Hair Day
12 th August	AFA v Harvey (home)
14 th August	Amaroo Quiz Night
17 th August	P&C Meeting

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

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Active After School Sport will resume in Week 4.

Any Year Two's that have already returned forms are welcome to start on Tuesday, 11th August.

Unless changes need to be made to permission forms, all other children previously involved in the program need to just turn up on their appropriate day.

ASSEMBLY

Mr Homer's room 8 year 7 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 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

Welcome back to Term 3. Students have settled in admirably, especially considering all the disruptions caused by the painting. We really appreciate their flexibility!

It is fabulous to see nearly all students wearing school uniform and hopefully this will continue throughout the term.

YOU CAN DO IT

For the first few weeks of this term junior Primary students will be continuing to explore ORGANISATION.

Phrases that are being taught over the next fortnight will be: - I've got it! Ready or not! Be responsible, Keep on track, Do it now have fun later, Prioritise, What's important, what's urgent?

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."

VIRTUES PROJECT

The virtue for July is EXCELLENCE. A poster that illustrates this Virtue will accompany next week's Update so that you can discuss this with your child/ren.

STUDENTS SHARING FOOD

Last term, problems with students sharing food and money, which was becoming stealing food and money, were on the increase with staff closely monitoring this. This term, I have had reports, some from

parents that this continues to occur across the school. Please can you encourage your child/ren not to share food and remind them of the reasons for this; allergies, parents buy food for their own children etc. Thank you for your assistance with this.

SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Before and after school, some students are walking across the lawn outside the Junior block and then near the staff car park, as a short cut to the oval. Staff have been asked to remind students to walk through the Assembly Area instead, for safety reasons. Please can you also discuss the importance of this with your child/ren. Thank you.

LUNCH/RECESS DELIVERIES

Thank you to all those parents who, during class times, have arranged for lunch or recess to be delivered to students through the office. This needs to be done for security reasons and to minimise disruptions to the classes.

HEALTH CONCERNS HEADLICE

Today, a team of Nitzblitzers 'Blitzed' the remainder of the school.

Thank you to the Nitzblitz volunteers for the great job that they did and for giving up their time today.

We would really appreciate it if you continue to regularly check your child/ren's hair and if necessary administer the appropriate treatment to ensure that Amaroo continues to be 'Nits' free!

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.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart
Pastoral Care



MERIT CERTIFICATES



CONGRATULATIONS
The following students
received Merit Certificates at
our assembly on
2nd July 2009.

Jordi Simmonds	Nixion Phan
Hiomasa Uehara	Taia Atherton
Kade Bergersen	Jasmine Jones
Tomas Watkins	Anthony Young
Maddison Howell	Tanisha West
Samara Martin	Aaron Warr-Hassall
Lara Murray	Tyson Plummer
Olivia Roberts	Ryley Szostak
Tristyn Keen	Tyson Hayes
Taine Scolari	
Ebony Atkins	Gage Del Fante
Jay Stephens	Tahleya Hall
Shanade Coyle	
Kurt Hallissey	Georgie-Rose Jackson
Holly Backstrom	Lucy Barrett
Cav Cossar	Kate Varis

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	30 th July	Diana Sklenar
Friday	31 st July	Heather Escott
Monday	3 rd August	Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	4 th August	Nicole Kostezky
Wednesday	5 th August	Kathy Aram
Thursday	6 th August	Keiko Yokoi
Friday	7 th August	Fiona Stone
Monday	10 th August	Kylie Helgesen
Tuesday	11 th August	Jenny McCafferty
Wednesday	12 th August	Justine Scolari
Thursday	13 th August	Lorraine Dowey
Friday	14 th August	Help Required

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRLS C GRADE HOCKEY

The C Grade hockey fixtures that are scheduled to be played on Friday, 26th June have now been postponed to Friday, 14th August. Fixtures on this day will be:-

4:00pm Cheetahs vs Redbacks
5:00pm Blue Bandits vs Emeralds
Pink Panthers Bye



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, 21st 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 21st 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

