

AMAROO UPDATE

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"No Child Left Behind"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 20th Faction Swimming Carnival
Years 4-7

March 23rd Captain Clean Up
Years PP-7

March 24th AFA Launch

March 25th Staff Meeting

March 26th Assembly Room 1, Year 3
Interscholar Swimming

DEPUTY NEWS

HEADLICE

Head lice continues to be a problem at our school.

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

A team of willing Nitzblitzers will be at the school from 9.30am on Wednesday 29th April 2009 (Week 1 – Term 2) to 'Blitz' all students from Years P-7. Can all parents, who have enrolled students at Amaroo this year, 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.

We would really appreciate it if you could regularly check your child/ren's hair and if necessary administer the appropriate treatment.

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

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

A few children have been affected by these sores recently. I have repeated the information from one of our previous Newsletters to assist you in managing these sores. If your child has recurring blistering sores please seek medical advice as antibiotics are required. Even if these sores are covered by clothes, they should still be covered to prevent cross infection.

Impetigo is an infection of the skin. It is often called 'school sores', probably because school age children are usually the most likely to get them, and they can be spread at school. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

What is impetigo?

- Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria.
- Impetigo can occur on healthy skin but it 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.
- The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs.
- Impetigo is very easily spread.

What is impetigo like?

- Impetigo usually starts with a blister or a group of blisters.
- The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet skin which weeps.



- The spot usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust, making it look like it has been covered in honey.
- There can be small spots around the first spots, spreading outwards.
- Impetigo is usually itchy.

How is it spread?

Impetigo is usually spread by contact with a sore either by touching with the hands or direct sore to skin contact, but some experts think that it can also be spread by contact with clothes, bedding, towels etc.

How long does it take to develop?

The sore takes about one to three days to develop after contact with fluid or crusts from a sore.

How long is it infectious?

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.

What can you do?

- A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo. An antibiotic medicine or sometimes ointment is generally prescribed.
- Try to prevent scratching of the sore as much as possible, e.g. cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut the child's fingernails.
- Using an antiseptic soap may help stop the spread of the infection to other parts of the body.

Keeping children away from school.

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

Reducing the spread of Impetigo.

Impetigo is easily spread but it is usually not a serious infection. People can be worried

about it because it is on the skin, and easy to see. Impetigo can occur even when the skin is kept clean, it is *not* a sign of poor parenting.

- A daily bath or shower with soap and water may lessen the risk of impetigo.
- Good hygiene including regular hand washing and throwing away used tissues is advised. Cut fingernails short to keep them clean.
- Make sure that grazes or cuts are thoroughly washed and if the child is scratching a sore, it may be wise to cover it with a dressing.
- When a child has impetigo, carry out medical treatment as advised by their doctor until all sores are healed.

Information supplied by WA Department of Health.

MONEY FOR CANTEEN

We have had a number of students bringing large sums of money to school to order their lunch. If large sums money go missing, it is very hard to trace!

Can you please try and limit the amount you give your children to \$5, on top of the amount they need to order their lunch. Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely week and enjoy the wetter weather.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart
Pastoral Care

YEAR 7 CAMP

Just a reminder to Year 7 parents that Camp Charges of \$250.00 are due now! Charges can be paid off and EFTPOS facilities are available at the front office..



ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The Active After Schools Communities (AASC) program has been running for 3 weeks now and has had fantastic results from the students involved. They have shown great confidence and persistence, as well as an improvement in social skills, getting along with students from a range of year levels.

The program runs after school on Tuesday's for Year 3 and 4 students and Wednesday's for Year 5 and 6 students. Both sessions are run from 3:20pm until 4:20pm. The students meet in the under cover area near the quadrangle and are required to be picked up here after the completion of the program.

The program is free and encourages participation in different sporting activities and promotes living an active lifestyle. Should your child be interested please collect a form from the front office.

Darianne Chisholm
Coordinator

ASSEMBLY

Our next Assembly is being hosted by Ms Murray's year 3 room 1 class on Thursday, 26th March 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.*

SWEET SUCCESS LOLLY ORDERS

A reminder that Sweet Success Lolly orders are due back to school by Wednesday, 25th March 2009. Please place your order and correct money in an envelope.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

CONGRATULATIONS

The following students received Merit Certificates at our assembly on 12th March 2009.



Hannah Hitchcock	Jarrad Sloan
Lachlan Sloan	Tamrin O'Halloran
Torben Curtis	Catriona Sklenar
Liam Hansord	Nikki Harrington
Jack Spencer	Macy Robinson
Merica Kerr	Justin O'Halloran
Mitchell Stanton	Emersen Dewar
Isaiah Stephens	Georgia Uren
Brooke Elliott	Kellen Haven
Jade Smith	Kaylee Priest
Chloe Sheppard	Jared White
Jordan Stephens	Mikayla Bailey-Kingswood
Travis Patmore	Jayme-Lee Smith
Emma Young	Tyler Tuck
Tarryn-Lea Walsh	Courtney Fitzgerald

SCHOOL BANKING

Our next school banking day will be Friday, 20th March 2009. Students need to bring their bank books and money to the office by 11:30am.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PLAN

Our school is participating in the CSP (Community Software Plan). This CSP features the Australian-made "Maths Made Easy" series along with all the regular EdAlive favourites. As well as the CSP saving, all titles are also eligible for the new 50% Education Tax Refund. Download demos at www.edalive.com.

Please consider making an investment. As part of the CSP our school will receive a FREE Unlimited School Site Licence for an EdAlive software title of our choice. If we receive a strong response from families we will also receive a FREE School version of the Computer Classroom title of our choice. Return your orders to the school by Friday, 20th March 2009.

CANTEEN NEWS

Term One

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	19 th Mar	Sonia Marshall
Friday	20 th Mar	Jesse Oslington
Monday	23 rd Mar	Wendy Old
Tuesday	24 th Mar	Stephen Edwards
Wednesday	25 th Mar	Cherie Snelgar
Thursday	26 th Mar	Sonia Marshall
Friday	27 th Mar	Fiona Stone
Monday	30 th Mar	Help Required
Tuesday	31 st Mar	Kathy Aram
Wednesday	1 st April	Nicole Kostezky

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOCKEY REGISTRATION DAY GIRLS AND BOYS

Both boys and girls who are interested in playing hockey this year are invited to the Registration Day on Saturday, 28th March from 10am to 12 noon, at the Preston Road Hockey Complex. There will be loads of fun, heaps of giveaways and free sausage sizzle. We will provide the gear needed for the day – all you need to do is turn up and have a go. Registration forms are available on the day, or from the school office. For further information, contact:

- Keith Old (Boys) 0417 177 338 or 9734 5965
- Shari Pike (Girls) 0409 109 488 or
- Kylie Barrett (Girls) 0419 197 079.



COLLIE VETERAN CAR CLUB

Collie Veteran Car Club will be holding a car boot sale on Saturday, 28th March 2009 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at their club rooms on Medic Street. Vendors can pay \$10 per site from 7:30am. Sausage Sizzle, morning tea and raffles will be available, and classic cars will be on display. Vendors can call Shirley 9734 1905 by Friday, 27th March to book a site.

AMAROO PLAYGROUP

Have you got a child or children under five years old?

Amaroo Primary School will be holding a playgroup for interested parents and children aged from 0-4 years, commencing in Term 2. Playgroup offers babies, toddlers and young children a stimulating environment to play and learn. It's a great place for your child to make sense of their world, form new friendships and develop social skills. Playgroup also gives mums, dads, grandparents and caregivers a chance to meet to share ideas and experiences.

Playgroup will be held every Friday morning from 9am to 11am at Koolbardi Kindy. If you are interested in attending the Amaroo Playgroup please fill out the form below and leave these details at the Amaroo school office. For more information please contact Taryn Battista on Friday's ph: 9734 1777.

All are welcome.

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Amaroo Playgroup

Child's Name	Age

Parent's Name

Contact number/s:



COLOURING IN COMPETITION

HBF TELETHON TODDLE

To celebrate the launch of the 2009 HBF Telethon Toddle, we're giving one lucky Playgroup, Kindergarten or Child Care Centre the chance to win a \$2000 voucher to spend at Modern Teaching Aids. To be in the running, simply ask your children to colour the Bob the Builder™ or Fat Cat pictures which you can download from www.hbf.com.au/toddlecolour. The pictures have been distributed to Kindy students.

JUNIOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior Netball nomination forms for the 2009 season are available from the front office. Games will be played on a Monday beginning 4th May 2009. Completed nomination forms can be returned to the school by 3rd April 2009.

ALLANSON COMMUNITY

PLAYGROUP

Allanson Community Playgroup is celebrating National Playgroup Week with an Open Day on Thursday, 26th March in the Kindy room at Allanson Primary School, Cameron Street, Allanson. There will be craft activities, face painting and giveaways. Mums, Dads, Grandparents or Carers are welcome to bring your 0-4 year olds to join in the fun of playgroup and mixing with other children. From 9:30am to 11:30am. Just turn up or for more information contact Leonie Scoffern on 9734 3929.

