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No Child Left Behind

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Was that hopping I just heard?

As the Easter Bunny talks to the East Bilby and they load up their carts ready to organise some hunts we have just about made it to the end of term 1. It has been a very busy, but rewarding term and I have thoroughly enjoyed the positive start to the year.

New School Council Members

We had our first School Council meeting with our new look council. It was great to have more parents nominate than positions available and having to go to a vote. I would like to thank all parents who nominated and welcome Christine Young, Renae Turner and Terresa Briggs onto the School Council.

Anzac Day Service

Tomorrow is the combined schools Anzac Day service. We will take time to reflect about the role our Servicemen and Servicewomen have played in past and present conflicts, and remember those who have proudly stood up for their country. It is also a time when we recognise that is because of their commitment and at times sacrifices that we enjoy our free lifestyle.

School Uniforms

It is great to see students making an effort to wear full school uniform. As the days cool down we would love to see school jumpers as the *jumper of choice*. If parents are unable to afford school

jumpers I am sure we can find some quite new second hand stock at a minimal cost. This helps to have 100% of students dressed appropriately.

Thanks to Staff

I would like to publicly thank the staff of our school who never lose sight of keeping our students front and centre of all they do. We have a great name in our community and it is because we have staff who are committed and skilled. Good schools do not happen by chance.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful break and take time to relax and recharge for term 2. You might find me on a beach somewhere as I chase the local salmon population.

Colin Chisholm
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 9 th	Assembly Room 4 Year 4 Anzac Service Years 5-7 1:30pm Eagle Boys Pizza Day
April 10 th	Public Holiday
April 27 th	Public Holiday
April 28 th	Pupil Free Day
April 29 th	1 st Day Term 2



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WELL DONE YEAR 7'S

I received a letter today from the Caretaker of the campsite our Year 7's stayed at last week and would like to share it with the community.

The caretaker wrote: *'I feel compelled to write to you about them as they stood out as an outstanding group of young people'*

The letter also went on to say, *'Amaroo Primary School has always displayed behaviour and organisation of a very high standard, and it is refreshing to see teachers and students striving and maintaining such.'*

We should all be proud of how the whole group that went, students and staff, showed the standards we set ourselves.

Thanks
Mr Colin Chisholm

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thursday, 26th March Amaroo competed in their first ever Interschool Swimming Carnival held at the South West Sports Centre. Nine schools took part in this inaugural carnival involving only government schools. A fantastic performance was put in by all swimmers who represented Amaroo and their combined efforts helped us achieve 4th place. A great performance considering we had no training or prior experience. We would like to recognise the individual performances of Scott Bonnell Year 5 runner up champion and Rebecca Woodman Year 4 champion. Below are the final results of the top four schools; Dalyellup 240, Adam Road 236, South Bunbury 235 and Amaroo 191.

After this wonderful performance we will be looking to competing in this event on a regular basis.

ASSEMBLY

Ms Eades' year 4, room 4 class will be hosting the assembly tomorrow, Thursday 9th April, 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.*

STAFF CARPARK

The dropping off of student lunches in the Staff Carpark is prohibited. In order to ensure the safety of students lunches need to be brought onto school grounds and hand delivered to students.

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

VIRTUES PROJECT

This month's Virtue has been Co-operation, students will be looking at a new Virtue next term.

Quotable Quote

Cooperation:

"Cooperation is doing with a smile what you have to do anyway."

Anonymous

YOU CAN DO IT

The juniors are continuing to display confidence around the school. Some of the CONFIDENT catch phrases being taught this fortnight are; *Accept negative qualities and working towards change, Being independent, helping yourself and Worry Warts and Cool Cucumbers*

Thank you Ms Murray and the students from Room 1 for your great display on the office board about 'Knowing Yourself'. Please feel free to come and admire these student's work.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property will be put onto the stage after Thursday's assembly. Please have a look if your child/ren has mislaid anything. Last year, a number of items of clothing were unclaimed and had no names written on them. If you haven't already done so, please try to label your child/ren's clothing to make identification and return easier.

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.

TOURETTE SYNDROME

Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week is 3 - 9 May 2009. This syndrome effects some of the students at our school and their families.

In order to raise awareness of Tourette Syndrome amongst the school community we intend to hold a Tourette Syndrome Awareness Assembly on Thursday 7 May to promote understanding and compassion towards people who are affected by Tourettes.

On the 7 May, we will be asking students to bring in a gold coin donation. After the assembly, as a school, we will see if we can cover the slogan 'Tourette Syndrome - I can't stop!' There will be a prize, donated by the TS Association, for the class that raises the most money on that day. Please watch this space for more details next term.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and a peaceful holiday.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart
Pastoral Care



COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC SERVICE

Tomorrow, Thursday 9th April at 1:30pm, all Collie students in years 5, 6 and 7 will be participating in the Combined Schools ANZAC Service at Soldiers Park. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Due to this service, lunchtime for ALL students will be bought forward to 12:10pm and finish at 12:50pm.

STUDENT TESTING

During week 3 of Term 2, all students in years 3, 5 and 7 across Australia will be participating in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy And Numeracy). There will be 4 tests - writing, reading, language conventions (spelling and grammar) and numeracy. These tests provide important information to you and our school. You will receive a report on how your child is performing in these areas compared to every other similar aged child in Australia. The school will receive data on how our students are performing and areas of strength and weakness. This is very important data for the school. It supports our planning for improving student achievement and is one of the main tools used by governments to provide a school with additional funding and support.

Your support by encouraging your children to have a go, do their best and be at school on these days would be greatly appreciated. Many classes are already completing practice tests so that your children are not surprised by the tests and know what to do to complete them. In all the tests there will be questions that your child will find as too easy, about right and too hard. Please support us with the following messages: there is no failing in

this test. It is a measure of what they can do. If they get stuck, move onto the next question.

During this week students in years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will also be completing a spelling and numeracy test. This is not part of the National Assessment Program but is part of the school data collection process.

CANTEEN NEWS

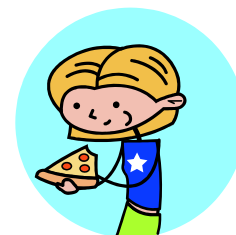
Canteen Roster TERM 1

Canteen phone number is 9734 5677.

Thursday	9 th Apr	Cherie Snelgar
Friday	10 th Apr	<i>Public Holiday</i>

Eagle Boys Pizza Day

Tomorrow, 9th April is our Eagle Boys Pizza Day. If you have not ordered pizza please be advised that a limited menu will be available from the canteen.



Canteen Roster TERM 2

The canteen roster for term 2 is now available for names to be put down.

Monday	27 th Apr	<i>Public Holiday</i>
Tuesday	28 th Apr	<i>Pupil Free Day</i>
Wednesday	29 th Apr	Nicole Kostezky
Thursday	30 th Apr	Yvonne Biffin
Friday	1 st May	Fiona Stone
Monday	4 th May	Kathy Aram
Tuesday	5 th May	Jenny McCafferty
Wednesday	6 th May	Help Required
Thursday	7 th May	Help Required
Friday	8 th May	Help Required

UNIFORM SHOP

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

COLLIE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Collie Junior Soccer's opening carnival is on 2nd May and kick off is at 12 noon. Training is on 29th April at 4:00pm for team lists to be drawn up and late registrations will be taken and coaches are still needed. Fees this year have been raised to \$90 and need to be paid before your child pays. Secretary and sports writer positions are still open. For any queries call Troy Wiggers 9734 4441/0427 050 572 or email soccer.cjsa@westnet.com.au



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Astronomical Society of the south west will be holding open astronomy nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury on Friday, 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April each night from 7:00pm to 11:00pm, weather permitting. For further information phone Cameron 9795 8204.

