Dear Parents and Carers
We request that you please ensure your children wear School Uniform only to school. The Amaroo School Board requires students to be in uniform and we take great pride in our students dressing appropriately. Having all the students in uniform also makes it a safer environment and helps us to easily identify unwanted visitors. Jeans are not part of our uniform and are not welcome at our school. The colder weather can be a challenge to school uniform and for parents but if any family needs assistance in providing uniform they should contact either a deputy principal or myself.

Arrival at School
We have a small number of school students arriving at school as early as 7.30am each day. Please do not allow your children to come to school too early. Supervision commences from 8.30am and the ideal arrival time for students is as close to school start time as possible, which is usually between 8.45am and 9am. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

School Photos
For all families who have ordered school family photos, they are now available for collection from the front office.

Student Achievements
Jaide from Year 6 presented her speech last night at the Rostrum Quarter Final at Harrison School and once again won the event! She progresses onto the Semi Final sometime in late July. Her speech was truly inspirational and it was delivered with such conviction! The judges spoke very highly of her. Congratulations Jaide

Miah, Brooke, Kyan and Jordi from Ms Medley’s Year 4 class have written to me with special requests about improving our school. It was great to see our students confident and brave enough to express their ideas and opinions. Thanks very much to them both for offering their suggestions.

Cynthia from Ms Coleman’s Year 5 class competed in the Australian Judo National Tournament in Wollongong. Cynthia won the Australian Title for under 32 kgs. This is a fantastic feat and she has certainly proved that she can produce her personal best efforts in this challenging sporting arena.

Ebony and Jessica from Ms Bryant’s Year 3 class have written great Persona Poems. Given a stimulus picture of an eagle these talented young writers have created fun and interesting poems. They have done their very best and challenged themselves to produce terrific poems.

Chiara from Ms Winter’s Year 4 class has completed some excellent homework. In one week she has produced an enormous amount of writing in which she has practiced both her spelling and writing skills. It is great to see her producing quality work.

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Taryn and Ashton from Ms Anderson’s Year 5 class have written very expansive essays. They were challenged to practice their running writing skills in a creative essay and both have written masterpieces. It is great to see these young authors developing their skills.

Tom from Ms Ascroft’s Year 1 class has written a terrific book. It was all about dragons and some great adventures. Excellent work Tom.

**Christian Education**

The Combined Gungahlin Churches will deliver Christian Education at Amaroo School on Wednesday 18 June at 12pm (K-2) & 12.40pm (3-5).

Below is a summary, provided by the Combined Gungahlin Churches, of the program for Term 2:

We will teach the children that Jesus loves the whole world, including them! From the gospel of John (John 3:16), using songs & stories, and a game or quiz to teach the children from the Bible. We may ask for student volunteers from the school to participate in these activities.

**Please note:** This is an opt in process for student attendance. If you haven’t already done so in term 1 and you would like your child to attend, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to our front office.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Benjamin Hall, Gail Taylor, Sam Beattie, Tiffany Mahon or myself, to clarify any issue of concern to you. The whole school team at Amaroo School are committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

Richard Powell
Principal
Amaroo School

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**Early Childhood**

**Preschool**

The preschool continues to be a hive of activity and learning. The whole preschool focus has been on dinosaurs, and we have all enjoyed recent excursions to the National Dinosaur Museum. Thank you to the parents and carers that were able to accompany us on these visits. We appreciate your time so that we can experience local places of interest and take the children on outings.

In the outdoor learning space we have been creating play spaces all around the playground. There are jungle animals hiding in bushes, a teddy bears tea party on our conversation stumps, explorations of light and shadows and even the discovery of dinosaur bones in the sandpit!

Please remember to bring in coats for your child as the weather cools down. We do endeavour to play outside every day and it is important that your child is dressed appropriately.
Kindergarten

Wow, we are almost half way through the year already! With winter well and truly setting in please make sure your child’s jumpers, beanies, scarves and other winter clothing have their name marked clearly on them so they don’t go missing.

Last week, our hatching chicks arrived and we have all had a fabulous time watching them grow and change. It has been fascinating to observe these special creatures as they developed and what a great way to continue our learning about living things.

In week 9 we will be going on an excursion to Canberra Theatre to watch ‘Mr McGee and the Biting Flee’. Please make sure you return your child’s note as soon as possible and check the excursion details on the note. We will not be at school during normal B2 time so please remember that there will be no lunch orders for this day.

It has great to see all the fabulous learning happening in Kindergarten each day through our class blogs. We love sharing our learning with you so please take a look at your child’s class blog and be sure to leave them a comment to read together in class. If you have any questions about the blog, don’t hesitate to talk with your child’s teacher, they would be more than happy to help you where they can.

Year 1

We have had such a busy term and Year One have put a fantastic effort into all assessment items. Our portfolios are coming along nicely and we are excited to share all our great learning with our family and friends. The Zoo excursion is quickly approaching in week nine and we are all extremely excited. Please make sure you hand in your permission note, money and indemnity form as soon as possible. As the weather is cooling, please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately with all clothing items labelled. During our Terrace assembly we have learnt a new song about penguins, ask your child to teach it to you.

Year 2

This has been a very busy term for Year 2 with lots of learning being achieved! In Literacy, we have been following and writing procedures. 2EBT and 2RNT have been following a procedure to make bean bag animals. In Number, we have been looking at subtraction word problems. Can you give your child a word problem to solve? Year 2 are looking forward to their excursion to the Royal Australian Mint on Friday where we will be furthering our learning about money. Please remember to send your child to school with their B1 and B2 in plastic bags with their name on and ensure your child is wearing warm school uniform and sensible walking shoes. We will be hosting the Early Childhood assembly on Friday of Week 9 at 9.15am in the hall. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you and hope to see you there!

Primary

Spotlight on Year 3

3JRO have been working hard on their 3D object projects where they were given a scenario to develop a segment for a website based on 3D objects. Students worked in teams to prepare a presentation with minimal support from Miss Ross. Presentations have included items such as iMovies, popplet mind maps, voice recorded drawings and model making through videos.

3KBO have been constructing 3D cities. The students were required to plan, design and build a functional city made out of 3D objects including various types of pyramids and prisms.
Year 4

Spotlight on Year 4

4SDU have commenced a new and exciting unit of work called First Explorers. The students have been busy learning all about explorers and recording their information in Fact-Files. The class have been researching explorers such as; James Cook, Vasco de Gama, Dirk Hartog, William Dampier and Abel Tasman. The students have been able to write about why these explorers’ journeys were so significant historically. They have also enjoyed learning some interesting facts about what the explorer looked like and their previous occupations. Did you know Dirk Hartog was a buccaneer before changing his ways to become an explorer?

In 4RPU we have been looking at increasing our vocabulary to help us with our reading and writing. Students have been searching our guided reading books for interesting adjectives, adverbs and words other than said. We have then chosen some of these words to research further and find even more interesting synonyms. We have now banned the boring words like said, big, small, good and bad from our writing. We have multiple places within the classroom to find more interesting words including our word lists, thesaurus and of course ‘googling’ the boring word synonyms. They have all loved learning, using these new words and banning the boring common words!

We would also like to welcome Mrs Geneveive Dawes to our class! She will be with us for four weeks visiting from the University of Canberra. Already we have had some very exciting lessons on Drama, P.E. and Writing. We can’t wait to see what other fabulous things we can learn together!

Year 5

Welcome to our spotlight on Year 5!

This fortnight 5ACA and 5TWA have been busy creating 3D dioramas. Students worked in small groups to design and create a 3D model related to our history unit “The Australian Colonies”. They demonstrated skill and imagination, creating scenes depicting the exploration of Australia, the Gold Rush and the Shearer’s Strike. Well done to all students who created fantastic dioramas.
Rostrum

Congratulations to Jaide who won the Rostrum Quarter Final last week at Harrison School. Jaide now progresses to the Rostrum Semi Final next term. Students have now been invited to present Amaroo School at the Lion’s Club of Gungahlin Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 25 June at the Forde Community centre. Good luck to Jaide, Leila, Tahlia, Jagruithi, Nicola and Lachlan.

Middle School

Year 6

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Da Vinci Decathlon. They had a successful day and represented the school well. Students should have received their photograph packs last week. If you have any concerns please let your child’s class teacher know.

A quick reminder that it is the time of the year when stationery supplies are getting low, if you could replenish your child’s pens, pencils and glue stock all of the teachers would really appreciate it.

Lastly, a reminder that lost property is kept in the library and students can go and look for lost belongs before and after school as well as in breaks.

Year 7

In English the students have been reading class novels and completing comprehension activities in relation to the class novels, as well as reflecting some of the themes in the novels. Next they will be working on a newspaper task in relation to their novel. In History the students have been studying an ancient mystery as a class in preparation for their own investigation into an ancient mystery.

In Maths students have started Co-ordinate Geometry where they are learning to plot co-ordinates on a number plane to make different shapes. They are also investigating how the co-ordinates change after reflection through the x-axis, y-axis and origin. In Science the students started a new unit on Forces. They are investigating how different forces affect us in our day to day life. Students are also learning about Newton’s three laws of motion.

Year 8

Year 8 has been working hard in class to complete all their work in preparation for their upcoming reports. In English, students have been reading William Shakespeare’s Star Wars. This has required them to revise and use all the reading strategies as well as extend their vocabulary. You might like to ask them what interesting new words they have learnt! The G&T class have been channelling Margaret and David while doing their film study.

In History, students have moved on to Shogunate Japan. They are continuing to learn and apply their historical skills to the new content. The G&T class is involved in a role play on the Khmer Empire to further their understanding.

In Maths students are completing their studies on Algebra and will begin to investigate Statistics and Probability. In Science they are completing a unit on Cells and will commence a unit on Body Systems, with dissections planned!

Chess

Congratulations to all the students who have represented Amaroo School at the ACT Junior Chess League Chess Competitions during the last fortnight.

We had 5 teams participate in the North/Gungahlin Primary Chess Competition at Lyneham Primary on 4 June. All students played some very challenging matches and at the end of the day we only missed out on first place by 1 ½ points! Well done to Lochlan, Callum, Ben and Jaidan who will progress onto the ACT final in August along with Jackson, Sarah, Josh and Donkar.

Well done also to the secondary students who participated in the ACT North Chess Competition at Harrison last Thursday. It was a small field of teams but the competition was very tough! Three Amaroo teams progress through to the ACT Finals in August.

Checkmate!
SENIOR SCHOOL SRC

The Senior School SRC have been very busy planning and running the lunchtime play activities for the Primary students on the Hill. These activities occur every Friday at B2 and have been well attended. The SRC have also taken on board running the Senior School assemblies and so far have shared information on anti-bullying and the 5 Ways to Well-Being (1. connecting with others, 2. being active, 3. learning new things, 4. taking notice of the good things and positive things around you and 5. giving to others as well as doing things for others). They have also shared their experience at the Recycling and Waste Management Workshop they attended and they are keen to pursue this further as a team. The SRC are also connecting with the wider community and are participating in the “Time to Talk” survey for the ACT Government. This is where the students can have a say on local issues.

Red Cross Youth Crew Winter Food Drive

The SRC are very excited to support the Red Cross Youth Crew Winter Food Drive. Every winter the Red Cross carries out a Winter Food Drive for the clients they have within the Roadhouse Program. The Roadhouse Service provides hot nutritious meals to some of the most vulnerable people within our society, many of whom are experiencing homelessness, are at risk of becoming homeless, suffering from financial, social or emotional disadvantage. Winter is without a doubt where most of their clients do it tough and as a school it would be wonderful to make winter a little more accommodating for their clients. The Winter Food Drive will be carried out during from 12 June to 31 July. We are seeking donations of the following packaged and non-perishable products;

- Pasta, rice, lentils and couscous.
- Herbs, spices and stock cubes.
- Powdered milk, coffee, tea, sugar and cordial.
- Tinned foods e.g. tuna, tomatoes, tomato paste, beans, chick peas, fruits in natural juice.
- Other non-perishable food items are also accepted.

There are coloured tubs at the Front Office where donations can be left. We thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

Great work for a great cause

Congratulations to the Year 9/10 Business Studies students for their very successful Market Day. They raised well over $1000 for the Make A Wish Foundation. A big thank you to their teacher Karen Moore for overseeing a fantastic event.

Year 10 Success stories

Congratulations to Year 10 students Katina Staffilidis and Callum Dennis on their successful applications to begin their school-based apprenticeships.

Schoology

Senior School is increasingly using Schoology across a number of subject areas. All students have access to this resource through a password. Through Schoology, teachers can communicate due dates of assessments, students can enter into online class discussions, students can communicate with teachers and each other, they can access class and task resources - whether to catch up on missed lessons or for assessments, just to name a few uses.

Schoology is also a useful tool for parents and carers. Parents and carers can request an access code and they can join Schoology also. This code will give parents and carers access to all of their child’s classes and work. It will not however, provide any details of other students to ensure privacy is maintained. If parents or carers are interested in finding out more about Schoology or how to get a parent code, they are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher.

Absences

Since 2010 young people are required, by law, to remain in education until completing Year 10 and then participate full-time in education, training or employment until completing Year 12 or equivalent, or reaching age 17, whichever occurs first. This means attendance at school is compulsory. By law Amaroo School needs to know the dates and reasons for any absences. It is the responsibility of you and your parents to provide this information, in advance if possible, to the Senior Admin Office (Fishbowl) and your class teachers. On the day that you return you will need to bring a note from your parent/carer and when possible, a medical certificate. When students arrive late at school because of an appointment etc they are also expected to provide a note. Students whose attendance is unsatisfactory risk not receiving their Year 10 Certificate. Poor attendance restricts achievement and results in lower grades.

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What to do when you have been absent:

a. Provide the appropriate documentation to the Senior Admin Office.

b. Find out from your teacher what work you may have missed - it is your responsibility to catch up. This includes getting copies of any assessment tasks that may have been distributed during your absence and (where appropriate) negotiating an alternate assessment schedule.

c. Always let your teachers know the reasons for absences. Explaining your absences will be important if you are seeking special consideration for assessment.

Students seeking leave for one week or more should discuss this with the Principal or Deputy Principal. Leave outside holiday periods is generally discouraged, as extended absences tend to negatively impact on a student’s ability to perform well academically.

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**Trivia Night & Auction to raise funds for Lara Parkes and her family**

Lara is a year 8 student of Amaroo School and is currently receiving treatment for Leukaemia in Sydney Children’s Hospital. Family friends are organising a trivia night and auction. It would be great if the Amaroo School community could help in supporting Lara and her family.

**Trivia Night and Auction to raise funds for Lara Parkes and her family.**

**Date:** Saturday 26 July at 7pm  
**Where:** Yowani golf club, Cnr of Barton highway and Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham.  
**Tickets:** $15 per person or $100 for a table of 8

Contact Lucy McCarthy 0408419143 or buckle77@iinet.net.au

Auction items include a signed framed Brumbies shirt, Laser tag passes, a handmade quilt, food and drink vouchers and much much more.

If anyone is able to assist with donations they can also contact me via the above phone number or email address.

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**Languages**

**Nara University High School Visit October 2014 – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

Amaroo School will host 10 students from Nara University High School in Japan from 22 - 25 October, 2014. Students from the school have been visiting Canberra to perform at the Canberra Nara Candle Festival through the Canberra Nara Sister City agreement since 2004.

We are currently looking for host families for this cultural exchange, providing accommodation and meals for three nights: Wednesday 22 October, Thursday 23 October and Friday 24 October 2014. Host families (anyone over the age of 18 years old) will also need to have their Working with Vulnerable People card to be able to host a student. We can provide the application forms for this.

We encourage everyone to join in the celebration of Canberra’s sister city relationship with Nara, Japan on Saturday October 25, 2014. Enjoy four hours of free entertainment, delicious Japanese food and cultural activities. The event peaks with a stunning evening display of more than 2000 candles in Canberra’s very own Japanese garden, Canberra Nara Peace Park from 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please see Mrs Middleton in the Middle School or contact her via email: Kiraly.middleton@ed.act.edu.au

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a wonderful visit!
**LANGUAGE PERFECT STAR PERFORMERS**

Students in Years 6-10 who have not paid their $30.00 for Language Perfect are asked to make this payment ASAP. We also encourage students to use Language Perfect at home to revise and improve their language skills. Teachers will be setting homework using this program.

**Japanese**

**Year 4 Japanese:** Our Year 4 Students have completed their portfolio pieces! Well done! They have also learnt about and listened to a Japanese folk tale, Bunbuku Chagama (The Magic Teakettle), and started making their raccoon dog masks.

**Year 5 Japanese:** Students have been learning about the different Japanese scripts – hiragana, katakana and kanji. They have started learning to read and write the first 10 sounds of the Japanese hiragana alphabet.

**Year 6 Japanese:** They have now started Unit 4 of their textbook, Hai! 1, and are learning about time and age. They will also start working on their portfolio pieces shortly.

**Year 7 Japanese:** Students are learning about countries and nationalities. Ask them to tell you where they are from in Japanese!

**Year 8 Japanese:** Students are practising saying where they go and what transport they use to get there. They are learning lots of new places to visit using Japanese language.

**Year 9 Japanese:** Students are practising inviting people to places and events. They have recently completed role plays and made invitations.

**French**

**Year 3 French:** Students have been completing revision of work and creating portfolio pieces. Students have started a new topic on family.

**Year 5 French:** Students are learning about colours and how to answer questions on about what colour items are.

**Year 6 French:** Students have been learning vocabulary associated with family members and will be describing members of their family.

**Year 7 French:** Students in Year 7 have been learning how to describe their school subjects and learning how to inform others about their school timetables.

**Year 8 French:** Students have been completing a portfolio piece about the daily routines of famous sportspersons. They are also commencing a new unit on life in France.

**Years 9/10 French:**

Students are currently preparing for a speaking task and also enjoying watching the French sitcom “Extr@”. They are enjoying the interaction of the characters in the sitcom and how difficult it can be when first living in another country.

**Concours George Vincent Competition – Alliance Française**

On the 4 June we had 15 of our students studying French from Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 participate in the Concours George Vincent competition. This year it involved listening, reading and writing in French. We are eagerly awaiting the results.

**Assessment of Language Competence Testing**

The permission notes and payment for the ALC testing were due back last Friday. This testing is offered by the Australian Council for Educational Research and is targeted at second language learners. The testing involves listening and reading comprehension tasks. If your child has not handed in their money and permission note please do so by Wednesday 18th June. No permission notes or money will be accepted after this date.
In PE news this week, congratulations to Chloe B in Yr 10 who has been selected to represent the ACT at the upcoming School Sport Australia 16 years & under Hockey Championships, which will be happening in August. Max T in Yr 5 has made the final cut for the Zone 12 years & under Rugby Union Squad for the ACT Championships, which will be happening next week. A family of Amaroo School enjoyed fantastic success last weekend at the Australian National Championships for Judo in Wollongong. Cynthia H in Yr 5 came first in her age and weight division, Jayde H in Yr 6 placed second, and Lexi H in Yr 8 came third in her division! Chelsey H in Yr 9 competed but unfortunately had to withdraw due to a rib injury. **Well done** to all of those students!

Our Athletics carnivals are coming up next term. These will be at our local Amaroo oval. The Junior carnival for Years K-6 will be held on Wednesday 30 July and the Senior carnival for Years 7-10 will be held on Tuesday 2 September.

**Interschool Snowsports:**
If you’re a fan of skiing or snowboarding, then why not join the Amaroo School Team and enter the 2014 Interschool Snowsports Championships which are being held at Perisher between July 30 and August 1. Students from Kindergarten to Year 10 can compete, and students from all ability levels are encouraged to enter, with the emphasis on fun and participation. If you would like to know more, please contact Jon Wilson (jonathan.wilson@hotmail.com, 0481 011 863) before the end of Term 2.

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**Pastoral Care**

**Pastoral Care Programs**
A quick update from the Pastoral Care team...

We are currently offering many programs for students in specific year or interest groups. Some programs are by “invitation only” where parental permission has been sought.

Defence programs are offered for Defence students who may bring a friend. Other programs are open to the specified year groups or open to the whole school community.

Teachers are most welcome to join in the fun!

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The winter concert is on this **Thursday 19 June 2014 (Week 8)** from 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Gym, Amaroo School. The Amaroo School Music and Dance Programs are hosting the annual Winter Concert at Amaroo School. This Concert will give students studying in performing art electives an opportunity to showcase the skills that they have been working on for assessment over the past Semester. This is also a great occasion for these students to share their learning with parents, carers and siblings and show their creativity and passion for the performing arts. We hope you will come and enjoy the show.

**Defence News**

As the new DSTA and DTM, term 2 has been extremely busy. We have conducted the ANZAC Day Assembly and Defence Welcome Morning Tea. The Defence Activities Groups for Kindergarten to year 2 students, which are run every Tuesday during B1, has been immensely popular along with the session for years 3 to 5 during B2. Our older students in years 6 to 10 have gathered on Thursdays during B1 for their fun drop-in sessions. All Defence students are welcome to attend their groups and bring a friend.

**Awards**

During our last Early Childhood Assembly, Louise R and Amelia R (pictured right) received Military Kids Recognition medallions and certificates to acknowledge their resilience during their parent’s deployment.

**Farewells**

Last week, we farewelled Judah H and Caelan H and wished them well for their new adventure in Toowoomba.

**Excursions**

Older students enjoyed an excursion to ADFA on Thursday 12 June 2014. More exciting details to come...

**Questionnaire**

This week, a quick questionnaire sheet (which is also attached) will be distributed to one child of every Defence family. We kindly ask you to fill in this questionnaire so that we can update our records and plan our programs and provide extra support where it is needed. Additionally, we also ask Defence families who did not receive a questionnaire sheet to either download the attached copy to complete or pick up a copy at either the front office or fishbowl. This greatly assists us to keep track of who are ADF families at Amaroo School. Thanking you in advance.  Michelle and Jo.
DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE AND DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) and the Defence Transition Mentor (DTM) provide transition assistance to Defence families who post into and out of the area, or who experience extended periods of parental absence due to deployment, unaccompanied postings, exercises or courses.

Although many Defence students integrate well into the school community, it can be helpful for them to have different groups and activities that the students can access, particularly when a parent is absent. We conduct networking and team building excursions where the students can interact with Defence students from other ACT schools.

In order for us to keep you informed of the different activities and groups available and to give you details of upcoming excursions or events that may be of interest to you or your child, a short questionnaire is attached for you to return to the front office or the fishbowl. The information you supply will remain confidential.

If you have any concerns please contact the school on 62052808.

Kind regards

Jo Farmer
DTM (Middle & Senior School, Yrs 6 - 10)
Tues to Fri 8am to 3pm.

Michele Nazzari
DSTA (Junior School, Yrs P - 5)
Mon to Wed 9am to 2:30pm, Thurs 9am -12pm

17 June 2014
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADF FAMILIES

1. What are the names of your children, and what years are they in?

2. Which family member is in the Defence Force and in which service?

3. How long is your current posting?

4. When are you likely to move?

5. Is the serving member currently deployed or likely to be deployed in 2014/2015?

6. Are there any specific concerns or areas in which you would like your child to receive support?

7. Do you have any suggestions for groups and activities for your children or yourself?

8. Would you like to receive information via e-mail regarding different Defence related groups or excursions that we will be running?

9. Would you like to be provided with information that we receive from Defence Community Organisation?

10. If yes, please provide an e-mail address:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire!

Email: info@amaroos.act.edu.au  Principal: Richard Powell  Web site: www.amaroos.act.edu.au
AMAROO SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE WINTER CONCERT
OF MUSIC AND DANCE
AMAZING PERFORMANCES FROM OUR
MUSIC AND DANCE STUDENTS

WHERE: THE GYM
WHEN: THURSDAY JUNE 19 @ 6.30PM
Have You Got Game – SL@AM Fundraiser

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! HAVE YOU GOT GAME is back and is coming up fast! The most exciting and hilarious event held at Amaroo School. It is going to be held in Week 10 on Wednesday the 2nd July, and it will run from 11:15am to 1pm with this year’s theme being Circus Circus, so dress up (and make a gold coin donation) as a crazy clown or an awesome animal (DRESS APPROPRIATELY!). Have You Got Game is comprised of circus themed challenges where the staff compete against students from across all sectors of the school. There will be 5 judges who will decide the winner at the end of the event. Whoever wins gets bragging rights for the rest of the year!

With the day starting with awesome buddy activities, fun market stalls, including fairy floss, popcorn and cream pie throwing, the hours leading up to Have You Got Game will be filled with excitement that will carry on throughout the awesome show! Class VIP bidding will commence from Week 7 with final collection of money to be made by Friday 27 June, Week 9. The usual VIP prize of a comfortable seat and food for the winning classes during the show will is what is on offer. As always, any student who wishes to be in the draw to compete against the staff will need to pay for the privilege, 50c per entry. SL@AM students will commence this in Week 7 also, in both the Library and Canteen areas. We look forward to seeing you there in Week 10 and can’t wait to get the STUDENT name back on the trophy!

Students Vs Teachers
You do not want to miss this!
Wednesday
2nd of July
Gym

CHALLENGES!
Brought to you by
SL@AM
Tackle what life throws at you with a NewAccess coach.

Consider it a personal trainer for your mind, either face to face or by phone and it’s free!

Take action and simply call 02 6287 8066 or visit beyondblue.org.au/newaccesscoach
**Community News**

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<td><strong>Nurturing Within Yoga</strong> offers Private class' in your home to provide 1:1 INDIVIDUAL &amp; PERSONALISED program Special offer for Autumn &amp; Winter Please contact Michelle on (m) 0417288460 email <a href="mailto:michjono@bigpond.com">michjono@bigpond.com</a> or connect via the Nurturing Within Yoga FB page and PM. <strong>Do you want confidence, adventure and leadership skills?</strong> Scouting is education for life and helps builds confidence, friendships, responsibility and leadership. <strong>Scouts</strong> participate in programs that encourage them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests. Limited offer – 3 week FREE trial Call 1800 SCOUTS or visit our website, <a href="http://www.scoutsact.com.au">www.scoutsact.com.au</a></td>
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National Tae Kwon-do
Our Children’s program offers a professionally designed age-specific curriculum that has been especially developed to teach children in a fun and enriching way.

Classes at Amaroo School.
All enquiries
Phone 0414 898 888
www.nationaltaekwondo.com.au

Calisthenics is a dance sport, combining exercises with flexibility, dancing, marching, hand apparatus manipulation while dancing, and artistic/aesthetic dance, suitable for girls and boys. Classes are designed for specific age groups, 13 years and under, 10 years and under, 7 years and under.

As a performance dance sport, calisthenics use costumes for stage work, which are extensively supplied through the club wardrobe. An invitation is extended to new participants to attend two obligation free classes. Additional information can be found on www.academycalisthenics.com.au, with enquiries to info@academycalisthenics.com.au or 62882858

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Combined Gungahlin Churches Christian Education Program in 2014.

Name: ___________________ Class: ______
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- Signature of Parent/Carer: ___________________
- Date: __________