Dear Parents and Carers

Our Senior Swimming Carnival was a great success. The weather was almost ideal, not too hot but certainly not cold. The students really enjoyed entering the swimming races and there were some outstanding personal results. The novelty events were also more popular than usual and the whole day was conducted with a great spirit. Thanks to everyone involved and the house captains. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and organisation of our two key organisers Tim French and Courtney Watt.

Building progress on our portable classrooms for term 2 for our Year 3 students has unfortunately been delayed. Whilst the portables are expected to be on site by the beginning of term 2 they are not likely to have been refurbished by that time. It appears that delays with plans and approvals have put the hand over date back about five to six weeks. Everyone involved is very apologetic for the delays and working hard to complete the new classrooms as soon as possible.

### Student Information Sheets

Student information check sheets for years three to nine were sent home yesterday. It is important that information is up to date. Please make sure that you check this information, make any changes required and return these to the front office by Friday 21 March 2014. It is not necessary to return this to the school if no changes are to be made.

### School Photos catch up day

This Friday, 21 March 2014, our school photo photographers will be back to take photos of students and classes that missed out on the previous photo day.

### Student Achievements

Addie from Ms Wiles Year 2 class has developed a terrific definition of a hypothesis. She has done some excellent learning using predictions or hypothesis. It is terrific to see another inquisitive learner stretching her understanding and expanding her knowledge.

Eva, Bella and Ava from Ms Wiles Year 2 class have produced some excellent work. They have developed their own definition for a hypothesis. These young learners have grasped the concepts involved extremely well and may well be prize winning scientists of the future.

Aissata, Monil, Eshan, Ryan and Judy from Ms West’s Year 2 class have written great recounts of their assembly. The details and explanations they provided put me right in the moment of the assembly and demonstrated great work. Well done to these young writers who are developing quickly.

Aryaan from Mr Gowan’s Year 2 class has written an excellent story. Arvaan has worked extremely hard to produce his best work and create a story all about our assembly today. Great work.

Rhys from Ms Medley’s Year 4 class has done some great guided reading work. He has applied himself to the task and produced his very best work. His drawings and attention to detail are terrific.
Mitchell, Chloe and Ben from Ms Parker’s Year 1 class have done some terrific story planning. They have planned out what they might include in their next story and added some great pictures. Well done.

Jack, Meisha and Amelia from Year 1 have completed some great story planning. They have combined their ideas and added drawings to be ready to write an interesting and captivating story. Great work.

**Year 10 Cake Stall Fundraiser-Friday 21 March 2014**

To raise funds for the Year 10 Formal and in recognition of Anti-Bullying Awareness Day, the Year 10 students will be holding a cake stall at B1 and B2 this Friday 21 March.

**Family Contributions & Subject Contributions**

Recently we sent home the family transaction statements. These contributions assist the school in providing a quality education for your child. Thankyou to those families who have already paid. All payments are welcome either by cash, cheque, credit card or direct debit to the school’s bank account as listed on your invoice.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Ben 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.

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Richard Powell  
Principal  
Amaroo School

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Road Safety Around Amaroo School

ACT School Speed Zones: 40km/h School zones operate between 8:00am – 4:00pm

Amaroo School staff are urging parents and other road users to slow down in all areas around the school. Drivers need to abide by the school zone rules and obey parking signs around Amaroo School which are designed to help keep children safe.

The following tips are to remind parents of their responsibilities when dropping and picking their children up from school.

1. Ensure your child wears a seatbelt when travelling to and from school in the car.
2. Take into account road signs, drop off and pick up your child on the school side of the road.
3. Ensure your child uses the footpath side of the road to get in and out of a car.
4. Ensure your child uses the school pedestrian crossing to cross the road.
5. Encourage your child to hold a grown up’s hand when crossing the road.
6. When your child gets off a bus, tell them to wait until the bus has gone before they find a place to cross a road.
7. Parents and students should NOT ride their push bikes or scooters across the road or in walkways around the school.
8. Please be careful when reversing, many injuries occur to small children by reversing cars.
9. The driver of a vehicle must not use a mobile phone that the driver is holding in his or her hand while the vehicle is moving, or is stationary but not parked.
10. Parents should park in parking bays and not illegally park around the school.

NO STOPPING means you cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON. This is to keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children, so both have more time to avoid crashes.

NO PARKING means you can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times. This is to provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

BUS ZONE means you must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus. This is to provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of ‘their’ safety zone.

ACT School Speed Zones: School zones operate between 8:00am – 4:00pm on gazetted school days. Motorists are required to drive no more than 40km/hour through school zones.

School crossings: Crossings are indicated by school crossing flags.

References
ACT Government Road Safety Policy
NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, School Road Safety