Dear Parents and Carers

Recently we had a band of parents and students who toiled with their hearts and hands to rejuvenate the 3 courtyard garden beds. These beds are outside our Early Childhood building.

The garden beds were dug over, de weeded and replenished with new soil, mulch and the beginnings of some planting.

The gardens all have a different purpose:

- Colour garden (closest to the Admin building), will contain plants that change colour as the seasons change.
- Indigenous use Garden.
- Herb and vegetable garden.

Amaroo School would like to thank and acknowledge Chris Blight and the P&C for their financial contribution to getting this project up and running and also for gathering helpers for the day. To the parents involved it was a great team effort and ran like clockwork. Thank you for your support and hard work.

A big thank you must also go to the students who gave their time on Saturday:

- Lachlan – Yr 10
- Ashleigh – Yr 6
- Ella - Yr 2
- Violette – Yr 1
- Abi and Harriet

Student Achievements

Our students did extremely well at the North Canberra Chess comp last Wednesday. Amaroo came 2nd overall with 2 teams progressing to the ACT final. Students in the team who came second are Lochlan I, Ben C, Callum C and Jaidan D. (Only just pipped at the post by Ainslie Primary!)

Jaide from Year 6 will be representing Amaroo School at the Rostrum Quarter finals at Harrison School next Wednesday.

Vania from Ms Martin’s Year 10 Art Class has produced an outstanding sculpture. She has used clay to create her shape and decorated it with a fabulous combination of colours. It is great to see this young artist developing her skills.

Bailey from Ms Bryant’s Year 3 class has done some great work in mathematics. Baily has been working to master division and completed some great examples. Well done.

Mya and Andrew from Ms Meddley’s Year 4 class have completed excellent work. Mya has put her spelling words into a script that demonstrates not only her good spelling but also her understanding of meaning. Andrew has recorded his trip around Western Australia capturing many of the features of his learning journey.

Sion and Gemma from Ms Anderson’s Year 5 class have designed and made an excellent diorama. They have depicted a scene from the gold fields and captured all the fun and excitement of the gold rush era. Great work.

Meilinh, Lachlan, Hannah and Lachie from Ms Ward’s Year 5 class have produced excellent dioramas. One is of the gold Fields and the other depicts Charles Sturt’s journey. Both are well done and deserve great praise.
Class Visits
In Ms Bryant’s Year 3 class students are learning about lines of symmetry. They are looking at lines of symmetry in both the built and the natural environment. The students have found identifying the range of lines of symmetry in different objects a task that requires lots of thought and consideration. They used their individual whiteboards to create and solve their own solutions as well as completing a range of different tasks the teacher provided. It is great to see all students answering the questions posed and expanding their understandings. It was also terrific to see students demonstrating on the interactive whiteboard how to solve the different problems they were challenged to complete.

In Ms Maasepp’s Kindergarten class the Year 9/10 SL@AM students are lending a hand with the learning. A number of the Year 9/10 SL@AM students are working one on one with students to help them post blogs. The kindergarten students refer to the older students as their SL@AM Teachers. The kindergarten students take turns writing and posting blogs and have the undivided attention of their Year 9/10 helpers. It is fabulous to see the questions the SL@AM students use to help and assist the young children to write and post their work. This is a wonderful learning experience for both groups of students and all involved in this project are clearly enjoying and learning a lot as a result. What an exciting initiative.

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 below and return to our front office.

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 is committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

Richard Powell
Principal
Amaroo School

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: __________