Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems timely to share our school vision in the Newsletter. Learning is the main purpose of Amaroo School for both students and teachers. The school exists to educate students to prepare them for a successful life beyond school within the community. As well as educating students, Amaroo School equips them with the social skills needed and encourages everyone to develop strong friendships.

Our goals are that every child will:

- Be challenged and supported to develop his/her talents and skills to his/her full potential.
- Develop a strong sense of belonging to and ownership of our school and contribute to building a safe and welcoming community for all.

The two values that guide our work are excellence and inclusion:

- Excellence in all that we do and expect.
- Inclusion of all members of our school community through respect, tolerance and recognition of difference.

Early Arrival at School

We have noticed that a number of students are arriving very early for school. Students are arriving here before 8am. Our school practice is to provide some playground supervision from 8.30am and we request that parents aim to have students arriving here between 8.45am and 9am.

Before and After School Supervision

Communities @ Work provides before and after school care at the school for children in Kindergarten to Year 6. They can be contacted on Ph 1300 212 273 or for further information regarding before and after school care please go their website at commsatwork.org.au

Car Park Safety

We have had a number of instances where parents in a hurry to drop off or pick up their child have acted in a dangerous or thoughtless manner to other students and parents. We ask that if you choose to drive your child to school that you take great care in our car park and follow the directions and signs in the car park. Some alternatives to using the car park are:

- Arrange with your child to pick them up from the car park at the rear of the school.
- Car pool with another parent.
- Ride or walk with your child to school
- Organise your child to catch the school bus

Disabled Car Parks and Bus Parking Zones

Please also be aware that there are a number of disabled parking spaces and designated bus zones. We ask that you do not park in, or block, these areas so that people with legitimate permits have safe and easy access and for the safety of all pedestrians.
Student Achievements
Mitchel R from Ms Anderson’s Year 5 class has done some terrific learning using an iPad. Mitchel has drawn pictures of the different types of climates, dry, tropical and temperate. His work is clear and the learning he has done with iPad assistance is outstanding.

Alex and Larissa from Ms Boate’s Year 4 class have written terrific historical narratives. They have taken the character of different convicts who were part of the first fleet and brought their stories alive by retelling them as a personal experience. What a great way to learn history.

Brodie from Ms Parker’s Year 1 class is expanding his music skills rapidly. He is able to clap and count to music which is a challenge for us all. Great work Brodie.

Charli, Alanah and Jackson from Ms Winter’s Year 4 class have been studying our planet and the seasons. They have also discovered why it rains and is always warm on the equator. It is great to see these clever young learners expanding their understandings.

Melissa from Ms Longmuir’s Year 7 class has produced some outstanding work. She read her class novel and retold the story in a creative and very clever way. It was not just a simple re-tell but rather she included lots of extra information in a unique and polished manner. Well done.

Gabi from Ms Winter’s Year 4 class has done some fabulous work on how we might reduce litter in our school. She has designed and written a Littering Clinic brochure describing her process in full. Her work is creative and thoughtful and a terrific example to all of us as a keen young person looking to help improve her community.

The wonderful students of 3JRO did a special service to the school on their way out to the cricket clinic. They did a lap of the school with a rubbish bin and plastic bags and picked up as much rubbish as they could on the upper/middle promenade, canopy, courts and hill. The students were extremely willing to help clean up our school and we would like to acknowledge their efforts. It’s not what their normal French lesson looks like, but worthwhile anyway and the students were proud of their efforts.

Class Visits
In Ms Azdajic’s Year 1 class the students are very busy with explanation writing. They were asked to write a title on their work and a definition of the process they will eventually explain. The students were looking to write an explanation for others on how to make toast. The students take turns to answer questions and all complete answers to tasks both on paper and on their individual whiteboards. Some of the very clever students included more than just one adjective in their sentences. It is terrific to see these motivated young learners applying themselves to their tasks and producing quality work.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Benjamin Hall, Gail Taylor, Sam Beattie, Karen Moore 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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4 August 2014

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Dear Mr Powell,

Re: ACTION’s New School Services Network

On Monday 1 September 2014 a significantly enhanced ACTION bus network, including more direct routes, better connections, increased frequency and improved weekend services, will commence. This will include a new school services network.

Over the past 12 months ACTION has reviewed all school services and school service patronage. As a result changes to the school services network have been made to increase network efficiency and reinvest resources into the morning and afternoon peaks. Some school routes are unchanged and others have been redesigned or merged. Where patronage levels no longer support a dedicated school route this has been replaced by regular route services. Approximately 59% of school student boardings are already on regular route services.

As this new ACTION school services network may affect many students we are providing four weeks’ notice to schools, students and parents to help them prepare.

Information about school bus services and regular routes which service schools is now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au and details of any changes affecting your school are listed below. A dedicated schools information hotline has also been established to handle enquiries.

ACTION would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices.

Thank you in advance and should you have any queries please contact the dedicated schools information hotline on 6205 5033.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

James Roncon
Director, Public Transport
School Service Changes for Amaroo Primary

Please visit the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au or call the dedicated schools information hotline on 6205 5033 for full details of changes and new school service network routes, maps and start/finish times.

Please note: Although a school service may be unchanged in route and direction, please check the start and finish times.

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