Dear Families

A very big thank you to all of the parents and friends who attended the Multicultural Assembly on Friday of last week. Amaroo School had many things to celebrate. It was also the first time this term that all of the school were in the one place at the one time and it was a truly magnificent sight. When the school comes together as a large group, what is also apparent is that our school community represents many different languages and cultures, and together we all make up the community of learners at Amaroo.

The speakers at the assembly did an admirable job in introducing the various sections of the assembly. They spoke firstly in either Japanese or French and then translated their commentary into English. Well done and thank you for the presentation, or should I say ‘Domo Arigatou’ and ‘Merci’.

Also at the assembly was a visitor from Kenya, Simon. Amaroo School has been very supportive of the Tabaka Academy in Kenya, raising funds for the supply and installation of water tanks, hand washing facilities, toilets, classrooms and the everyday books and pencils that we can often take for granted. Overall the stalls of the Multicultural Day raised over $2800, a very fine effort.

Student achievements

It was a relatively quiet week in regard to student visitors to my office, with three very skillful writers from 1DPT, Ms Parker’s class. Eesh, Nicole and Harley had all written an explanation on how to use a microwave, who knew there was so many steps involved to operate a microwave. A great detailed explanation given. Great work!

Thank you also to Steve Hardy, who accompanied 9 of our students to the ACT Regional Maths, Science and IT Challenge Day at College, on Friday last week. The students competed in teams of 3, across 4 different stations, in the areas of Maths, Physics, Chemistry and IT. The full day of thinking left teams in a slightly exhausted state, but their brilliant efforts, teamwork and great thinking were rewarded with the following results.

Tim, Adam and Isaac of the team “E = MC Hammer “, achieved FIRST place in the Maths Section and $500 for our school.

Theresa, Wozaila and Mitch of the team “Dancing Unicorns”, achieved a SECOND placing in the Physics section.

The “Dancing Unicorns” also achieved a THIRD placing in the Physics section.

The team known as “E = MC Hammer” finished in overall FOURTH place, narrowly missing out on the third placing by 0.8%. Honourable mention was given to Chloe, Elliott and Rohan of team “Albert Finesteins” who were the ONLY team to achieve 100% in one of the maths sections on the day.

What a truly brilliant result for Amaroo School. Thank you to Steve Hardy for supporting students and thank you to all of the students for their fantastic academic achievements and recognition at Gungahlin’s Challenge Day. We are all, understandably, very proud of your efforts.
The 2015 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers will remain open until Friday 4 September 2015 to give parents and carers some extra time to respond. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by Friday. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process and will help us to understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter about the parent and carer survey was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. These letters contain all the information you will need to complete the survey.

Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Benjamin Hall, Rebecca Turner, 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.

Regards

Julie Cooper
A/g Principal
Amaroo School
**Workshops for Kindergarten and Year One**

**Tuesday 26th September**

**Detective Trish and the... Stolen Wish**

Theme: Role Play, Forensics

Detective Trish has been called to Campbell – someone is stealing all the children’s wishes! It seems that the ever optimistic and very work-shy Wendy Winkle is up to her old tricks. Never fear! Detective Trish is here to catch Wendy Winkle and she needs your help! You will need to have detective skills, keen observation and some forensic skills in order to ruffle her.

**Wednesday 30th September**

**Magical Moments... how to raise a dragon**

Theme: Role Play, Literacy

What is a dragon? And would you recognize an egg, if you found one in the garden? Know that you have the egg, what do you need to do to keep it warm and safe? How long until it hatches, and what will you name it? All these questions and this is the only the start! Now you must raise and make sure it grow up strong and healthy! You’ll better start planning...

**Thursday 1st October**

**Engineer Enrico...Robotics 1**

Theme: Engineering, Design and Construction

What is a robot? How do they work? What tasks can they do? Are they even safe? Are they only in the movies? Discover the world of modern robotics and automation with this hands-on, interactive workshop. The Six Senses have worked and established a base to SWISH. You will work in teams with your very own Six Bike for the day.

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**Workshops Year Two to Year Three**

**Tuesday 24th September**

**Chemical Chaos... Explosions**

Theme: Chemistry

Chemistry is not for the faint-hearted, especially when it comes to explosions! In this workshop you will experiment with different substances to see how they react. Smoke will change, some will be loud, some will be bright and some will burst off. Speaking of which, did you know Rocks爆炸? What we can control from chemical processes, you can use explosions in all sorts of useful ways. So prepare to put your lab coat on because today we are chemists ready to experiment and it’s going to get messy!

**Wednesday 30th September**

**Welcome to the Crime Lab - Famous Forensics**

Theme: Forensics

What are the most famous forensic cases in history? What made them so famous? How have they been solved? Who solved them? And what sort of forensic analysis did they use to solve these crimes? Intriguedly, the most famous and fascinating forensic are not always violent! Think top secret!

**Thursday 1st October**

**Mission Impossible**

Theme: Team Building, Problem Solving

YOUR MISSION SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT... you are to drop life saving supplies to Agent J. Be a member of the Lion’s Squad and in desperate need of medical supplies and food. The site is accessible by foot and strong wrists make a helicopter mission too risky. Show us you and your team can complete your mission! In this workshop you will be focusing on problem solving by thinking outside the box.

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**Workshops Year Four to Year Six**

**Tuesday 26th September**

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