Dear Parents and Carers

The arrival of colder weather can result in a range of different jumpers and coats being worn to school. Students dressed in school uniform are easily identified and this helps us provide a safe learning environment for your children. Please ensure your children wear their school uniforms and have appropriate correctly coloured clothing for the colder days.

Our Numeracy and Literacy Evening on Thursday 27 March was a huge success. There were well over 300 families in attendance. Feedback across our school from parents was extremely positive and supportive about the information we provided. Fostering and developing our partnership with parents is something we constantly strive to do. Special thanks to all families that attended. We really appreciate your support and attendance.

Our staff teaching team has many talented and capable professionals. Veronique Canellas one of our talented Languages team has just been appointed as President of the Modern Languages Teachers’ Association. On behalf of Amaroo School we would like to acknowledge this achievement and wish her all the best in her extra curricula role. The experience and learnings that Veronique gains through this role will flow back to our school and further enhance the fabulous Languages programs across our school.

School Board Appointments
The following people have been elected to represent the school and community on the Amaroo School Board.
Ms Trudie Wykes – Parent Representative
Mr Glen Storrar – Parent Representative
Ms Felicity Boate – Staff Representative
Ms Tessa Blight – Student Representative
Mr Lachlan Storrar – Student Representative
Congratulations.

Student Achievements
Tony from Ms DiDonna’s Year 4 class has completed some excellent work with shapes. Using polygons, he has created a range of interesting shapes and creations that show terrific creativity. Well done Tony.

Terryn from Ms Meadley’s Year 4 class has produced an outstanding Shapes Poster. She has produced her very best work and provided excellent colour and detail in her poster. It is great to see her taking pride in producing quality work.

Lubna from Mr Reardon’s Year 4 class has completed some great work. She has produced an excellent piece of indigenous style artwork and then created and written her own dreamtime story. Outstanding work from this very accomplished learner.

Nicky from Ms Bryant’s Year 3 class has completed an outstanding piece of homework. Nicky has completed a quality poster explaining all ANZAC Day. He has provided an example of his best work and deserves great credit for his excellent efforts.

Braedon from Ms Ward’s Year 5 class has created some beautiful art work. He has produced some great pictures in a range of mediums. It is great to see this young artist developing his skills.

Rhys from Ms Medley’s Year 4 class has done some terrific writing. He has retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood and demonstrated great skill development. It is fabulous to see his skills developing so well.
Class Visits

In Ms Ward’s Year 5 class, students are busy writing expositions. The students have been learning about what makes a good exposition and then practicing by writing them. Using random selection procedures for answering questions they have been sharing their knowledge and understandings. In this way they learn not only from the teacher but also from their classmates. The students worked on writing about the topic ‘The canteen should sell healthy food’. It was great to see the students challenged by this topic and the arguments they needed to develop. It was a very productive classroom and the students displayed excellent behaviour and great cooperative skills. It will be terrific to read their expositions.

Before and after school supervision.

Just a reminder that the school does not provide supervision before and after school. Parents are asked to make sure that their child comes to school as close as possible before the bell rings at 8.55am and that children are picked up at 2.55/3.00pm. Executive staff are on duty and the front office should be contacted in an emergency. Communities @ work does provide before and after school care at the school for children in Kindergarten to Year 6. They can be contacted on 6228 9208.

Gifted and talented students in ACT public schools information session for families and the community Tuesday 8 April 2014.


Families and members of the Amaroo community are invited to attend an information session focusing on how ACT public schools and families can work in partnership to support gifted and talented students in ACT public schools.

This information session will take place at 5:30–6:30pm on Tuesday 8 April at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT.

Registration for this session is not required and tea, coffee, water and juice will be provided beforehand.

At Amaroo School the Gifted and Talented Liaison Officer is Gail Taylor who can be contacted on 6205 2808 if you have any enquiries.

Amaroo School Cross Country Carnival on Friday 4 April for Kindergarten—Year 6.

On Friday 4 April 2014 Amaroo School will be holding the annual Cross Country Carnival. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating. The course will utilise the school grounds, pathways adjoining the school and the district oval. Students are required to wear school uniform, including suitable running shoes. All students are reminded to bring a drink bottle and wear a school hat.

This is a fun event and Amaroo School encourages all students to participate and have a go. Students who qualify will later have the opportunity to represent the school at the Regional Cross Country Carnival on 20 May 2014.

World Autism Awareness Day

To celebrate World Autism Awareness Day our school will be holding a “Go blue for Autism” fun day on Wednesday 2nd April 2014. We are encouraging our school community to bring a gold coin donation or to buy something from our blue table stall outside the library at B1 & B2. There will be cupcakes, ribbons, erasers and bracelets to buy.

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

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