Dear parents and carers,

This week the early childhood students invited their Grandparents into school to share their learning. We estimate that over 500 grandparents attended. This event continues to grow each year and has become a very popular part of Term 4. We look forward to holding it again next year.

Building Quality Relationships (BQR policy) is an important part of being a member of the Amaroo School community. We treat each other with respect in all circumstances. The BQR policy can be found at our website, www.amaroos.act.edu.au under the Our School tab. I encourage all families to review this policy and to discuss their child’s responsibilities with them.

Our school welcomed students from Nara High school which is our sister school in Japan. We have formed a strong partnership between our schools over many years. Thank you to the families that billeted these students. Although they had a long flight and were fighting the effects of jetlag, the staff and students enjoyed their visit. We look forward to travelling to Japan next to spend time at their school.

We have received some positive feedback from our community around our Twitter and Facebook accounts. Using social media to share photos of students learning and achievements with our community is an important part of how we communicate. We also use these platforms to share upcoming school events.

Congratulations to Tiffany Ward (pictured right) on becoming a National Lead Educator in Mathletics. This is an important homework program that helps our students practice core mathematics concepts at home. It is a fun online website that is highly interactive and engaging. If your child is unable to access Mathletics, please contact your classroom teacher to renew their password.

**Future Planning**

As part of our preparations for 2015, we would like to invite a small group of interested parents to provide feedback on the future directions plan for our school. This would require a small time commitment in Week 5 to work with the senior executive on refining our priorities.

If you are interested in being a part of this focus group, please register your name and contact details with Katrina Norenbergs on 6205 8904.

**Student Achievements**

Amaroos School would like to congratulate Darci Tennant for her inclusion in the ACT Junior Concert Band. She was a fabulous ambassador for our school during a three day music tour to Dubbo last week.

Zara, Tavleen, Aditya and Griffen (pictured right) from kindergarten shared their graphs they created. Students interviewed their classmates to find out their favourite fruits. They then transferred their data into a bar graph to reflect the results.
Tyson (pictured right) from 1KAS has been trying really hard in class and has achieved all of his required stickers for the week. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of his efforts.

Elkanah and Amal (pictured left) from KNCR shared their recount writing. Kindergarten has been working hard to improve their writing skills by reflecting on events that have happened at school to use as a stimulus.

Bronwyn (pictured below) from Year 5 shared her learning of column graphs. She surveyed her class to collect data on mythical powers. Her explanation that accompanied her learning was outstanding as she made clear links between the information she was collecting and how she was representing it.

Tahlia, Joyce, Emma and Sarah (pictured left) from Year 4 created a wonderful song about chocolate. The accompanying musical instruments gave the song an amazing rhythm.

**Parent Requests 2015**

If you have a particular request for your child’s class placement for 2015, we ask that you please put that request in writing and hand to the Administration Office. Alternatively, you can email your request to the appropriate sector Deputy Principal. In a large school, class placements are a complex jigsaw and as such not all requests can be guaranteed but will certainly be considered. All requests are required to be received by the school no later than Friday 28 November. Requests after this date will not be accepted.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Benjamin 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.

Richard Powell
Principal