



Education and Training

Amaroo School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Reports for Kindergarten to Year 5 will be issued on Friday 26 June. Parent/Teacher interviews for this area will be conducted in week 10 of the term. Interview times will be extended on Tuesday 30 June. Reports for Years 6 to 10 will be issued Wednesday 1 July. It will be an exciting time for students and parents to see the outstanding results for the vast majority of our students.

Deputy Principal Early Childhood.

Ben Hall has been at Palmerston District Primary School this term and will return at the end of week 3 next term. This is an extension of three weeks. Gail Taylor will continue in that role until Ben returns.

Student Achievements

Ethan and Cooper from Ms Reinhart's Year 3 class have been doing some terrific work in Maths. Using ten frames and counters they have developed a range of strategies for solving math problems. Both these students have challenged themselves to solve problems differently and they have completed excellent work and made good progress with their learning.

Erin and Zara from Ms Azdajic's Year 1 class have been working very hard on their spelling. They have mastered some big words and were easily able to spell these words for me. Words like 'classification' and 'because' can be troublesome but not for these two great spellers.

Kyan, Rahul, Mia, Tristan, Andrijana, Sarah, Dhyey, Khai, Bronte, Skye, Kasey, Sabir, Caleb and Emily from Ms Anderson's Year 5 class have done some terrific work in Science. As part of their study of the Solar System they have designed and made models of the Earth, moon and sun. The models are creative and well thought out. Great work.

Jinan, Owen, Declan and Larissa from Ms Winter's Year 5 class have completed some excellent science research. They have tested six different products and discovered that coke has the most sugar. They also found water has no sugar. Guess what they will be drinking more of now as a result of their learning.

Kyla and Pinkal from Mr Sharma's Year 8 maths class have completed some excellent work. They have been working hard on their Mathematics and also taken great pride to produce their very best work. Their working out is clear, neat and tidy. It is clear these clever young mathematicians will go far.

Calendar Dates

Weds 24 June 2015	Amaroo Angels 9am-12 noon in the Community Room: Parents & Adults most welcome (and their pre school children). SL@AM Have You Got Game
Thursday 25 June 2015	Duke of Edinburgh. Wakakirri Practice: Thursdays 3:00 – 4:30 in the Gym. Winter Concert rehearsal 12:30pm-3pm. Winter Concert 6:30pm-8pm Gold coin donation at the door, Parents, Guardians and siblings all welcome.
Friday 26 June 2015	Friday mornings Breakfast Club: 8:15am - 9:00 am Sapphire Terrace Wet Area- all students of all ages welcome. Early Childhood Assembly-Hall 9:30am- All welcome. Student Defence Group program 6-10, B1 in the Community Room. Duke of Edinburgh. Primary Gallery Gatherings-Hall, 2pm-3pm-All Welcome.
Monday 29 June 2015	Year 9/10: DofE (Duke of Edin) Bronze Level Trip, Monday 29 June to Thursday 2 July to Birrigai. Year 4 participating in a Travel Safely to School presentation on 29 June at Amaroo school
Tuesday 30 June 2015	David the Music Man: Preschool (Bunduluk, Winyu and Bural) in School. Student Defence Group program, K-2, B1 in the Community Room. Student Defence Group program 3-5, B2 in the Community Room

Ashleigh and Isabella from Ms Ianna's Year 3 class have produced excellent video clips on an iPad to explain how they solved mathematical problems. They used a range of strategies to solve problems and added graphics and voice to their video clips. They used the app 'Educreations'. Great work. They returned later in the week with further great work they did in Buddies time. What a talented pair of excellent learners.

Kayley from Mr Sharma's Year 8 maths class has produced some excellent work. Kayley takes great pride in ensuring her written work is of the highest possible standard. Her attention to detail and correctness is an example for all students. Great work.

Josh from Mr William's Year 4 class has made amazing progress with reading. He is using strategies such as rereading and is self-correcting as well. We are very proud of Josh's efforts and he deserves great praise.

Wil from Ms Ianna's Year 3 class wrote this Haiku poem:

Bonfires ignite

In the shimmering moonlight

It's a gorgeous winter.

Great work.

Sporting Achievements

The Hamilton family have all produced a remarkable effort in their chosen sport of Judo. At the recent Australian National Judo Championships they achieved:

Chelsea won a Silver in under 18 age group and Bronze in under 21 age group Awards

Alexia won a Silver Award in the under 18 age group

Jayde won a Gold Award in the Senior Girls section under 14 age group

Cynthia won a Gold Award in the Junior Girls under 11 age group

Riley won a Silver Award in the Junior Boys under 11 age group.

What a fantastic family effort, well done.

School Board Vacancy

Due to the resignation of one of our Parent Representatives the Amaroo School Board now has a vacancy. Nominations for the parent representative will be accepted from all parents and carers of students enrolled at Amaroo School and Amaroo Preschool. Appointment will be for a period of 18 months with the Board meeting on the third Monday of each month during the school terms. If more than two people nominate, an election will be conducted after the close of nominations. Nomination forms are available and may be lodged at the Amaroo School Front Office. Nominations are now open and will close at 11:00 am on Monday 29 June 2015.

School Board	P & C
Board Chair: Trudie Wykes 0420 571 666	President: Linda Holland
Parent Board Reps: Glen Storrar	Vice President: Graham Roberts
Staff Rep: Felicity Boate and Sara Jayn Middleton	Secretary:
Student reps: Laeken Storey; Savannah Sithideth	Treasurer: Helen Harvie

Class Visits

In Ms Lazarides' Year 9 maths class students are busy learning how to find the size of any given angle in a quadrilateral or polygon. For the students this is revision of work covered in previous years but it underpins their next learning step in moving to enlarge similar shapes. This demanding cognitive work has real life applications for the future work choices of the students. Many vocational areas use scale drawings and ratios and so this work is extremely important to the future career choices of our students. To start the lesson the students brainstormed a range of different ways to solve the problems set by the teacher. Then they examined as a group how best to tackle these problems. After this they practised their learning with a few choice examples. These students are certainly fast learners and had little problem with this complex area of study.

In Ms Chambers Preschool class the students are busy contributing to blogs. The students each have the opportunity to help Ms Chambers and the staff put together posts each day showing what specific areas students have been learning about. The students then view these blogs at home with family and share the many wonderful learning experiences. During the lesson I observed, the students involved in the blogs could explain to their classmates what they were doing and why in the different posts. As well their classmates asked great questions about what they had learned. Members of the children's families really enjoy seeing their children happily learning. What a great way to share the wonderful experiences of these Preschool students.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Gail Taylor, Rebecca Turner, 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



Amaroo School P&C Association

Amaroo school Fair meeting

24 June 2015

5.00pm

Board/staff room in the Main Administration Building

Amaroo School

Expert Panel **Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour**

Professor Anthony Shaddock | Dr Sue Packer | Mr Alasdair Roy

Does your child need support to manage their behaviour so that they can learn at school?

The Expert Panel has been appointed by the Minister to review policy and practice for supporting and teaching students with complex needs and challenging behaviours in ACT public, independent and Catholic schools.



Public consultation

Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours
A review of policy and practice in ACT schools

We want to hear from you

The Expert Panel would like to hear from families and students about your experiences at ACT schools.

We are also interested in your suggestions for improving policy and practice in ACT schools for children with complex needs and challenging behaviours.

How to contact us

Written comments can be provided to the Expert Panel by email: expert.panel@act.gov.au

by mail: Expert Panel
GPO Box 730
Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions will be kept confidential but may be quoted without names or identifying information in the Panel's Final Report.

If you would like to speak with the Expert Panel please call us on 0457 631 184.

Submissions are due by 31 July 2015.



Are you the parent/carer of a child with a disability commencing primary (kindergarten) school in 2016?

The Education and Training Directorate is holding information sessions for parents/carers of children with a disability who are commencing primary school in 2016.

Hedley Beare
Centre for Teaching and Learning
Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Monday 29 June
1.00-2.30pm
or
Tuesday 30 June
6.00-7.30pm

The session will cover the following topics:

- The types of Disability Education programs available in ACT public schools
- Transition to primary school
- The application process
- The Student Centred Appraisal of Need process

To RSVP or for further information contact:
Jean.walker@act.gov.au or on 6205 7903

Dear Families,

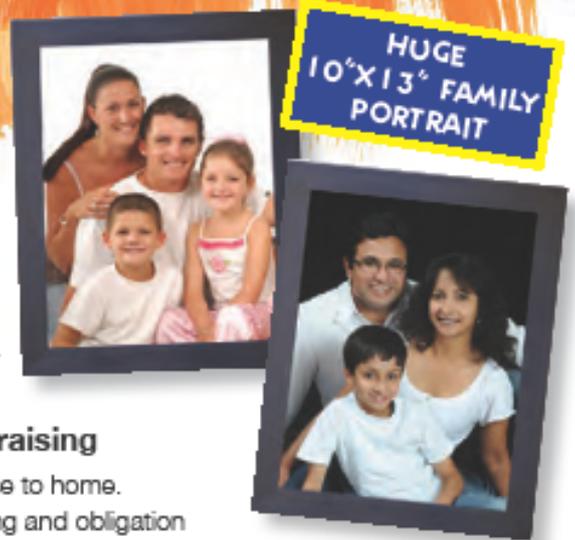
We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10"x13" family portrait (of your family – valued at \$90!) by Laura Jean.

How long has it been since you had your family together for a group photo? Update your family pics with their relaxed and fun photographers – view gorgeous samples for ideas or check out their available packages online at:

laurajeau.com.au  facebook.com/laurajeaufundraising

Every family can receive this personalised photographic service, close to home. Flexible options include portrait choices, complimentary 3-pose sitting and obligation free additional portraits to suit your needs (see back for more details).

We will receive 100% of funds raised from the special framed family portrait, plus heaps of extra bonuses when more families participate.



FREE 3-Pose Portrait Pack

When we get 25 families participating there will be a complimentary 3-pose portrait pack + CD up for grabs.

How can you help us get there?

- Return your voucher ASAP
- Invite a friend with additional voucher below
- Encourage more families to book

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete Voucher
2. Place into envelope with donation (cheques made out to your organisation)
3. Mark envelope 'Family Portraits'
4. Return to office
5. Invite a friend to help our fundraiser
6. Appointment time confirmed soon!

ORGANISATION: Amaroo Preschool P & C

RAISING FUNDS FOR: Amaroo Preschool equipment & end of year party

CONTACT: Melissa Preston 0407 458960

DONATION: \$20.00 and receive a 10" x 13" framed portrait

PHOTO DATE: Sunday 28 June 2015



PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN TO OFFICE 

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Voucher for 1 Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait at Special Fundraising Price*



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Oldest child's full name: _____

Class: _____

Mobile or home no: _____

Email: _____

Preferred time: _____

*Very special limited offer – please see back for details

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