Dear Parents and Carers

Our Swimming Carnival for the primary school students was a huge success. Although the weather was not kind to us and a little cool the students had a great day. The novelty events were very popular and the students had a great learning experience with water.

**Cooler Weather**
As the weather cools with autumn please ensure that students bring warm clothing with them to school and that it is correct uniform and labelled with their name. Our P&C run Uniform Shop is open every Monday afternoon and provides an excellent selection of new and used clothing. Please also remember that hats are required until June and although the days might be cooler, students and staff need to wear protection from the elements.

**Student Achievements**
Congratulations to Darci from Year 7 on her selection in the ACT Instrumental Music Program’s Junior Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble and Senior Concert Band in 2014. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in music. What a terrific effort.

Alexis and Paige from Ms Di Donna’s Year 4 class have written excellent metaphors. They are doing great work on grammar and are really excelling with developing their metaphors.

Taif from Ms Priddle’s Year 3 class has completed some excellent mathematics work. He has been working on ensuring that he knows the difference between odd and even numbers. Taif is a hard worker who always tries to do his best.

Ethan from Di Donna’s Year 4 class has written an excellent onomatopoeia poem about our school. He has captured some terrific insights into the workings of our school. His word choice was terrific. Well done.

Rahul, Matthew and Bradley from Ms Boate’s Year 4 class have completed some excellent work. They have taken characters from their current novels and examined adjectives and comparisons. Then they have converted this into figurative language in powerful sentences. Well done.

Hannah from Ms Ross’ Year 3 class has written an outstanding speech for homework. In her speech Hannah clearly outlines the difference between a celebration and a commemoration. She has a great speaking voice and is very engaging. Looks like we have another very talented orator developing in our midst.

Sarah from Ms Di Donna’s Year 4 class has written a beautiful onomatopoeia poem. She has written about the amazing sunlight and the amazing learning that happens in our classrooms. Great work Sarah.

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**Calendar Dates**

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Our Year 1 Learning legends-
Anthony, Kristian, Jenna, Cally, Lucy, Cearia
Great work!
Class Visits
In Ms Longmuir’s Year 7 class students have been working with provocative statements in English. The students were given a statement and asked to examine the pro and cons of the statement and the to see if broad consultation on the topic would change their opinion. The statement “it is a great idea to build a water-based theme park in your street” was the statement they examined. The students found that hearing contrary views to their own where people had strong opinions a very powerful learning experience. It was great to see the students working in a variety of different groups and experiencing a range of different opinions and ideas. What a terrific way to learn from their peers and expand their understandings. The students really enjoyed this learning experience.

Amaroo School Board Elections
Board elections are now being conducted for two parent representatives on the Amaroo School Board. Voting will close at 5pm on Tuesday 11 March. Voting slips are available at the front office. Details of the nominees are below

Trudie Wykes
I have been associated with Amaroo School since 2008 and would like to continue my close association with the school by remaining a member of the school board. I have been a member of the Amaroo School Board for the past three years; and chairwoman for two of those years. During this time, I have used my community, network, negotiation and government skills to effectively assist the school executive with resourcing and funding issues aimed at achieving our student learning and development outcomes. I have also represented the school at networking and education directorate related meetings. I believe that I have more to give to the school community at large and that I have the skills and knowledge to be an effective member of the board.

Glen Storrar
I have nominated for the School Board to provide independent representation for the parents and guardians of Amaroo School students. I have three children that attend Amaroo School, one each in the junior, middle and senior schools. My family recently returned to Amaroo School after three years interstate; during our previous four years at Amaroo School, I was involved in the school community through the P&C association by providing assistance with school fairs, discos and other fundraising activities. I am a Wing Commander in the Royal Australian Air Force with previous experience as a Commanding Officer with over 200 staff across Australia and am now responsible for Air Force’s corporate planning and governance, including supporting the Air Force Board.

Janett Allen
My name is Janett Allen and a mother of three boys who are attending Amaroo School. My eldest son is in Yr 5, second eldest in Yr 3 and the youngest in Kindergarten. I am a Registered Nurse by profession and have been living in Canberra, ACT for two years. It is my ultimate goal as a parent representative on the school board to contribute to the ongoing development of the school and its students.

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 are committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

Richard Powell
Principal
Amaroo School

School Board
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Staff Rep: Gail Taylor and Naomi Goode
Student reps: Kyle Plekker, Grace King.

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