Dear Parents and Carers

The cold and wet weather caused the cancellation of our Junior Athletics Carnival (K-6) last week. We hope to run the Carnival this Wednesday, weather permitting, as the District Carnival is also happening very soon. Whilst we are very keen to provide this important event for our junior athletes we have to consider the weather conditions and not place the safety and wellbeing of our students at risk. Please note there will be no canteen facilities or canteen orders available for B1 at the carnival tomorrow. Please make sure your child brings food packed as well as a drink for B1. The carnival will be finished by 1:15pm. All lunch orders and canteen purchasing will be available as normal for B2.

Student Achievements
Zoe from Ms Grant’s Year 6 class has produced an outstanding mind map on the Popplet Application. Zoe has focused on Wind Power and produced a comprehensive mind map that provides lots of interesting and relevant information. Excellent work.

Donkor and Lia from Ms Coleman’s Year 5 class have produced excellent pictures. Their pictures depict arid Australian environments and they have labelled them accurately showing great detail. It is great to see students producing their best work.

Cristina, Jorja and Kira from Ms Robert’s Year 5 class have completed some fantastic work whilst defining the authors’ purpose in their reading books. They were asked to classify their books in regards to persuasive, entertaining or informative and they then found examples to back up their assertions. Quality work done very well.

Aaliyah from Ms Sandeman’s Kindergarten class has written a detailed recipe for cooking a cake. She has drawn a picture of a cake that looks so good you want to eat it. Great work.

Nicholas from Mr Gowan’s Year 2 class has produced some excellent 3D objects. He has made a triangular prism, triangular pyramid, hexagonal prism, square based pyramid and a cube. What a fantastic effort.

Bailey from Ms Bryant’s Year 3 class has completed a terrific drawing. He has drawn a picture of two whales that look extremely life like. It is great to see him mastering this important skill.

Hossein from Ms Lambert’s Year 8 class has produced some quality work. He has created a fact file on French Regions that is both comprehensive and extremely well done. It is great to see students like Hossein producing their best work.

Riley from Ms Thomas’ Year 2 class has won first place in the Illawarra Judo Championships in the under 35kg section. Congratulations to Riley for all his hard work and training that is clearly paying dividends.
Class Visits

In Ms Brown’s Year 9 English class students have been sharing their learning on Schoology (an online program we use with High School students). They were given the question, “why do you think Shakespeare’s work has lasted so long? Why do we still engage with his stories? Explain your answer?”

Here are a few of the many thoughtful ideas our students shared:

“He also invented many strange words that are still in use today”.
“Throughout his work, he has so many of these common words that we use today, (like eyeball, puppy etc)”.
“Shakespeare used real characters in his plays, characters that emotions and feelings, characters that had both their strengths and weaknesses.”
“His characters are very human and have positive and negative sides and recognizable human emotions.”
“Everyone loves a good storyline and this ‘lovestory’ is one of the most original.”
“We experience these themes today and as a result we can relate to his work and ideas.”
“His work is an inspiration to many writers for centuries.”

Information and Communication Technologies.

Tiffany Mahon has been tasked with developing a Digital Technology Strategic Plan for Amaroo School. Tiffany will complete this task over the next four weeks, whilst she is doing this Karen Moore will act as Deputy Principal Senior School.

Over the last three terms Tiffany has been involved in many productive conversations in our community on how we can improve the digital technology infrastructure in our school to best support learning and to maximise the progress of each student. During these conversations staff, students and parents alike have reflected on the need for Amaroo School to improve access to digital technology, WiFi infrastructure and the need for more effective digital resources to support learning. Employers are also asking us to connect what is happening at school more closely with real world experiences and skills in order to prepare students more effectively for their life and career after school.

Tiffany is looking forward to consulting with the community further on this project and would like to invite interested parents to contact her on 62058913 with any questions, ideas, input or feedback you may have to move this project forward and ensure that it is responsive to the needs and aspirations of our school community.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Benjamin Hall, Gail Taylor, Sam Beattie, Karen Moore (Acting Deputy Principal) 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.

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